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FENGTIEN CAUSE LOST?

NATIONALISTS NEAR PEKING.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S TROUBLES IN OWN RANKS.

TIENTSIN PROMISE.

Peking, May 31.
The Nationalist armies are moving rapidly forward, following Marshal Chang Tso-lin's orders for the general retirement of the Fengtien forces, and reliable reports state that the Southerners are very near Peking.

Up to the moment, no fighting has taken place at Liuliu, where the Northerners are reported to be preparing to make a stand.

It is rumoured that any fighting between the North and South in the next few days will be merely for the purpose of covering the Fengtien retreat into Manchuria, but reports of Chang Tso-lin's intentions are conflicting.—*Naval Wireless.*

Nationalist Attack.

Shanghai, May 31.

It is considered doubtful whether Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who has ordered retirement along the Peking-Hankow Railway, can concentrate his forces sufficiently to withstand the expected Nationalist attack.

The Hankow army, some 40,000 or 50,000 strong under General Pei Chung-hsi, has now reached Peking, according to reports, and will join Marshal Feng Yu-shiang in an attack in the very near future.

Chiang Kai-shek has already proceeded to the front line.

Chang's Difficulties.

It is reported from Peking that Chang Tso-lin's mind was made up for him at a lengthy military conference held on Wednesday, when it was strongly urged that he should order a retreat to Manchuria. It is stated that Chang Tso-lin strongly resisted the proposal, but he consented to a withdrawal to Liuliu.

What will happen in the near future, it is difficult to say, but several of the Fengtien leaders are reported to be adverse to fighting. Further rumours are abroad that Chang Tso-lin has already made arrangements for his departure from Peking.

Pei Chung-hsi's Task.

The Peking-Hankow Railway has been disorganised since Tuesday, owing to the extensive troop movements. All Pei Chung-hsi's forces have been transported to the fighting zone, it is reported.

It is understood that he had been delegated the task of the capture of Tientsin, and a Nationalist statement has it that he has issued a declaration to the following effect:

Assurance To Foreigners.

"If the Fengtien forces are defeated, and the Nationalists prepare to enter Tientsin, it is hoped the foreign troops will act as they did on the occasion of the capture of Shanghai, that is to say, to disarm all Northerners who try to enter the foreign concessions. If the foreign authorities will act in this manner, they have our assurance that the Nationalist armies will make no attempt to enter the foreign Concessions; thus will any chance of misunderstanding be avoided.

"We will do our best to handle the difficult situation in the most pacific manner."

MAY 30TH.

Passes Quietly Everywhere.

Although there has been considerable distribution of literature of an anti-Japanese nature, and anti-Japanese speeches were made, the anniversary of the May 30th Incident passed off quietly at Kiang, Changsha, Hankow, Ichang, Chungking, Amoy and Nanking.

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A.P.C. SHIPS REPLY TO FIRE.

MANY ARMED DESPERADOES SHOT DOWN.

YANGTZE INCIDENTS.

Hankow, May 31.
Swift retribution has befallen a number of the armed desperadoes infesting the Yangtze between Wanshen and Ichang, who have been in the daily habit of maliciously firing on merchant craft using the river.

Two A.P.C. ships, s.s. Shu-kwang and the s.s. Tingkwang were on their way up stream when fire was opened from both banks of the river.

However, armed guards had been placed on board, and these replied to the fire. A number of the attackers were seen to fall as the result of the fire from the ships.

On their return, the attack on the same vessels was more intense, but the armed guard replied with machine-guns and effectively silenced the fire from the river-bank.

A fair number of casualties were observed. No one was injured on board the A.P.C. craft, in spite of the heavy fire.—*Naval Wireless.*

NEW ZEALAND & THE KELLOGG TREATY.

HAPPY TO SHARE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

London, May 31.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, in a Note to the U. S. Charge D'Affaires, says the Government of New Zealand has received with warm appreciation, the invitation to participate as an original party in the Kellogg Treaty for the outlawing of war.

The New Zealand Government will be happy to share in any negotiations leading to the conclusion of the treaty.—*Reuter.*

Canada and Ireland Also.

Washington, May 31.

In addition to New Zealand, the Irish Free State and Canada have accepted the American invitation to participate in the negotiations for the treaty renouncing war.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PLIGHT OF "ITALIA'S" CREW.

AEROPLANES TO SEARCH FOR PLACE OF REFUGE.

Rome, May 31.

The Italian Government has issued instructions to the "Italia" base-ship, "Citta di Milano," to continue its search for the missing airship.

Three plans of action are being organised in co-operation with the Norwegian, Swedish and Soviet Governments, notably by aeroplanes.

The third plan, namely, a land expedition, will only be carried out if the aerial search discovers the spot where the "Italia's" crew has possibly taken refuge.

Little hope that the airship will be recovered is entertained, but there is every prospect that the gallant crew will be rescued.—*Reuter.*

CALCUTTA SWEEP FIRST PRIZE.

NOW ESTIMATED TO BE £366,000.

Calcutta, May 31.

Now information available to-day shows that the first prize of the Calcutta Sweep on the Derby is now estimated to be £366,000, which is easily a world's record.—*Reuter.*

NEW FLAG RIOTS IN CAPETOWN.

POLICE ATTACKED BY ANGRY MOB.

COLOURED POPULACE CHEER UNION JACK.

PREMIER'S ADDRESS.

Capetown, May 31.
Serious rioting occurred in Capetown to-day arising out of the celebrations in connexion with the unfurling of the new national flag of South Africa.

It began with a large crowd, which formed into a procession and paraded the streets, headed by a large brass band of a native organisation, calling itself "The Independent Coloured Workers' Union" and composed mostly of coloured people.

The procession, which was very rowdy throughout the day, carried large banners inscribed similar to the following:

"Africans Arise!"
"Away With Slavery."
"Down With Anti-Native Slave Laws."

Police Attacked.

As the crowd grew more and more out of hand, they began to tear the new national flag from passing motor-cars, and when they saw a Union Jack, burst into a loud cheer.

When Police sought to interfere, the mob turned on them, and attacked them with stones.

The Police were compelled to make a series of baton charges, and after a scuffle, succeeded in dispersing the mob. Two arrests were made.

Ugly Scenes.

Capetown, June 1.

Police reinforcements have been rushed to Capetown from all over the Peninsula to cope with the threatening situation which has increased alarmingly since the Police charge yesterday.

At midnight, the streets were seething with excited crowds, and ugly scenes were witnessed.

Motor-cars carrying miniatures of the new Union Flag had their windcreens smashed.

It is notable that vehicles which preferred to fly the Union Jack have been left untouched.

Many Police Injured.

Constant clashes have occurred between the Police and coloured rioters. Up to the moment, at least a dozen Police have been severely injured in street fighting, while the number of coloured men injured is too large to be accurately estimated at present.

Over ninety arrests have been made so far.

Official Hoisting.

The anniversary of the Union was marked by the official hoisting for the first time of the new Union flag with due ceremony in all the principal towns of the Union. The chief ceremony was held in Cape Town. It was held in the grounds of the Parliament Buildings, where the Earl of Athlone addressed a representative gathering, after which the Union Jack and the national flag were unfurled simultaneously to the accompaniment of a salute of twenty-one guns.

God save the King and "Stem van Sud-Afrika" were sung by students and played by the band. The occasion was marked by the release of hundreds of short term prisoners all over the Union.—*Reuter.*

Africa's Independence.

The Premier, Mr. Hertzog, said that the new national flag was a lasting symbol of South Africa's independence of the power and authority of the Union Jack—the second flag of the Union—and it did not fly as the flag of Great Britain, but as the flag of the Union.

The new flag expressed the association of South Africa with the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Finality Reached.

General Smuts said that those who participated in the settlement of the flag question now hoped that finality had been reached.

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TENNIS ACCIDENT AT AUTIEUL.

GERALD PATTERSON FORCED TO RETIRE.

SOME FINE STRUGGLES

Paris, Mar. 31.

Gerald Patterson, the Australian tennis "crack," was engaged in a great fight with Boussus (France) in the fourth round of the Men's Singles in the French Hardcourts Championships at Autieul, when he suffered an arm strain and was obliged to retire.

The match had at that stage gone to three sets, Boussus having won the first at 6-1, Patterson the second at 7-5 and Boussus the third at 9-7.

Hawkes (Australia) eliminated Robson (Argentina) in the fourth round by 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

After losing the first set badly, Cochet (France) defeated F. T.

TO CLEAN UP BIAS BAY.

Canton Considering Action.

EXPEDITION PLANNED.

On account of the frequent pirates on the China coast, it is reported that Admiral Chan Chak, Commandant of the Naval Bureau, has drawn up an effective scheme to clean up the pirates in Bias Bay, says the *Canton Gazette*.

As previously stated, a recruiting party will be sent, to be followed by gunboats and marines, so that all pirate lairs will be swept out once for all.

This proposed campaign is now before Marshal Li Chai-sum for approval, and it is expected that an expedition will be despatched at an early date.

HUNTER (U.S.A.) WINNING BY 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

In one of the quarter-finals R. Lacoste defeated Crawford (Australia) easily 6-0, 6-1, 7-5.

Miss Eileen Bennett (Great Britain) reached the semi-final of the Women's Singles by defeating Miss Anderson (U. S. A.) by 6-3, 7-5.—*Reuter.*

MYSTERIOUS LACK OF NEWS.

SPANISH FLIERS RUSE TO FLY THE ATLANTIC?

Madrid, May 31.

Much anxiety is felt in official circles owing to the lack of news of the Spanish fliers, Jimenez and Iglesias.

Alarm is felt as a rumour is prevalent that, contrary to supposition, they secretly headed across the Atlantic to America.

When the start was made on Tuesday, it was understood that they were flying to the East, commencing a flight round the world. They are in a Breguet single-engine plane, with a 600 h.p. Hispano-Suiza engine.—*Reuter.*

Been Moving Fast.

Madrid, June 1.

It is now reported that Jimenez and Iglesias have landed about hundred miles from Karachi.—*Reuter.*

MACHINE-GUN THEFT.

AN EXPRESSION OF REGRET.

With reference to the report published in our issue of Wednesday to the effect that a machine-gun was stolen from H.M.S. Wild Swan, we regret that the information given therein was incorrect, and tender to the Captain, officers and crew of that ship an expression of our sincere regrets.

In point of fact, the theft occurred aboard H.M.S. Seppy, and on discovering our error we took the earliest available opportunity, in our issue of yesterday, of correcting it.

JUGO-SLAVIA RIOT CASUALTIES.

NINE POLICE SENT TO HOSPITAL.

ITALY ALLEGES GENDARME NEGLIGENCE.

BELGRADE DEMANDS.

Belgrade, May 31.
The serious affair last night when gendarmes were forced to fire into a mob of students, who had barricaded the streets and defied the Police efforts to dislodge them, pelted them with every kind of missile, when hose-pipes were played, was not attended with such severe casualties as at first thought.

An official statement to-day shows that there are only 25 really serious cases, sixteen of which are demonstrators and nine Police. The Police were badly injured when a wild melee followed their charge with fixed bayonets.

Sixty Arrested.

All these cases are now in hospital. Hundreds of others are suffering from minor hurts, not demanding detention in hospital.

The Police arrested over sixty agitators, including 17 students, who have since been released, and about forty members of the "Young Communist Society." The Communists are still detained.

Italian Representations.

The Italian Minister at Belgrade has made repeated representations to the Jugo-Slavian Government in the course of the past few days, protesting vigorously against the many anti-Italian demonstrations all over the country.

The Italian Minister emphasises the necessity for putting an end to the "salty atmosphere" created by the disorders.

Police Negligence.

He apparently alleges that in many cases the Police have been slow to act when anti-Italian outbreaks have occurred, as among the demands enumerated in the recent Note is one for the punishment of the Police who have failed to prevent demonstrations.

The Italian Minister also demands compensation for the losses suffered by Italians in the recent riots in Jugo-Slavia.

Jugo-Slavia Preparing Demands.

According to the newspaper *Politika*, the Jugo-Slav Government is preparing a Note demanding similar satisfaction in respect of the losses suffered by Jugo-Slavian residents during recent disturbances in Italy.

Sporadic outbreaks have occurred in different parts of the city to-day, but generally speaking, the situation is quieter.—*Reuter.*

PACIFIC OCEAN AIR ROUTE.

FROM CALIFORNIA TO AUSTRALIA.

New York, May 31.

A message from Oakland, California, states that the Australian airmen, Captain Kingsford-Smith, and Mr. Charles Salm, both of whom were formerly pilots in the Royal Air Force, accompanied by two men, formerly in the U. S. Navy, have started in a three-engine aeroplane, named "The Southern Cross" for a 6,000-mile flight to Australia.

The first lap will be 2,100 miles to Hawaii.—*Reuter's American Service.*

YANG SEN'S SUCCESS.

REBEL SUBORDINATE BADLY DEFEATED.

Wanshen, Mar. 31.
According to reports here, General Yang Sen has scored another big victory over his rebel subordinate and is now marching on Chungking. It is thought that Yang Sen will have full control over the area very shortly.—*Naval Wireless.*

WHITCOMBE WINS IRISH TITLE.

EASY WINNER DESPITE POOR LAST ROUND.

A. COMPSTON SECOND.

London, May 31.

Although Ernest Whitcombe had a poor concluding round, his previous scores were so remarkably good as to give him an easy victory in the Irish Open Golf Championship at Newcastle, Co. Down.

His aggregate for the 72 holes was 288, the next best being that of Archie Compston, who totalled 292.

In the morning Whitcombe went round in 73, and he went out in the afternoon almost certain of victory. A 78 did not place him in serious peril, though Compston managed 45 pull back three strokes from his arrears of yesterday.

"Abe" Mitchell fell away badly and could not do better than an aggregate of 300. The conditions were more difficult than hitherto. The leading scores were:

Ernest Whitcombe	288
Archie Compston	292
Herbert Jolly	299
T. Colton	299
"Abe" Mitchell	300
Jack Smith	300
Charles Whitcombe	300
George Duncan (Holder)	314

—*Reuter.*

WEST INDIES WIN EASILY.

CHALLENGER GETS HIS FIRST CENTURY.

London, May 31.

The West Indies tourist cricketers easily defeated Northumberland in a two-day match concluded to-day.

Challenger scored his first century of the present tour. The scores were:

West Indies: 342
Northumberland: 81 and 216.

Batting first, the West Indies made light of the Northumberland attack, G. Challenger being particularly severe. He hit up 148 before his wicket was taken.

The reply was poor, the county team finding Griffiths almost unplayable. The West Indies' bowler took 6 wickets for 32 runs.

Following on, Northumberland gave a better display but were unable to avoid the innings defeat, the West Indies winning with an innings and 45 runs to spare.—*Reuter.*

REMARKABLE FLIGHT CONCEDED.

SIR ALAN COBHAM AND EMPIRE FLYING.

London, May 31.

Sir Alan and Lady Cobham have arrived at Plymouth from France, reaching England in the evening after a 20,000 miles survey flight round Africa in a giant flying-boat.

In an interview with *Reuter's* representative, Sir Alan Cobham said he was convinced that there existed a wonderful opportunity for British aviation within the Empire, particularly Africa.

Sir Alan expressed the opinion that the cost of establishing a regular air route through Africa would be almost nil.—*Reuter.*

NELSON COMMUNIST AGITATION.

STRIKING UNION RESENT THEIR INTERFERENCE.

London, May 31.

Communists are active in Nelson, where 10,000 cotton mill operatives have been locked-out, following a strike in support of a discharged woman worker.

The deadlock continues, and the Communists are taking advantage of the circumstances to endeavour to arouse feeling.

The pavements are chalked with such phrases as "Moscow Calling" and "Smash all Boss Bullies."

The Weavers' Union have already repudiated the interference of the Communists.—*Reuter.*

STREET ORATOR SENTENCED.

GETS TWO MONTHS AT KOWLOON.

THOUGHT IT HIS DUTY TO DENOUNCE JAPANESE.

ENDANGERING PEACE.

In view of the withdrawal by the police of a charge against anti-Japanese orators, before Lieut. Col. Eaves at the Central Magistracy earlier in the week, a case before Mr. W. Schofield, at Kowloon this morning was of more than unusual interest. The Kowloon Magistrate found cause of action, and sentenced the delinquent to two months' hard labour.

The defendant, Cheung Hin, unemployed, of No. 15, Bridges Street, was charged, "for that you, Cheung Hin, on the 23rd day of May at Waterloo Road, Yau-mai in this Colony, unlawfully did do a certain act calculated or tending to cause a breach of the peace, to wit, making a speech, the said speech containing certain utterances liable to cause the said breach of the peace." The charge was brought under Section 2 (2) of the Emergency Regulation No. 6 of 1922.

Charge Amended.

Sergeant Mottram, who prosecuted, said that, with his Worship's permission, he would withdraw the present charge, against the defendant. He had received instructions from the Chief Detective Inspector, who had been in communication with the Public Prosecutor, to submit two fresh charges in the place of the original indictment.

The new charges were (1) "that you, Cheung Hin, unlawfully did behave in a disorderly manner by causing a crowd to collect, and using language to the same whereby a breach of the peace might be occasioned" and (2) "for that you, Cheung Hin, unlawfully did cause a crowd to collect thereby causing an obstruction to accrue on a public road, or path or walk, to wit, the said Waterloo Road."

When the new indictments were put to the defendant, he replied that he was only reiterating what had already been published in the vernacular Press.

His Worship:—What about the second charge, that of obstruction?

Plea of Not Guilty.

Defendant:—There was not a very large crowd. Several tens of people had collected; that's all.

His Worship:—Did these several tens of people cause an obstruction?—No. They all stayed on the pavement.

His Worship intimated that the defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges, and he would take the evidence.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Mottram replied that he was ready to proceed with the case.

His Worship:—Which charge are you willing to proceed on? Which charge is easier to prove? Sergeant Mottram:—The charge of obstruction is easier to prove. If your Worship hears the evidence, I think you will find that both charges are easy to prove.

"Running Dogs."



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BLACKMAIL CASE CONCLUDED.

MERELY A MOLEHILL.

The proceedings instituted against Yu Yau, a piece-goods broker, on a charge of blackmailing a West Point girl, came to a sudden ending yesterday afternoon following an address by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, who commented on the protracted nature of the evidence. Mr. Hin-shing Lo had proposed to call a number of sub-poenaed witnesses to disprove claims which he submitted were inspired by the man who became the girl's husband. He now submitted that it was necessary to call for this further evidence if, in the Magistrate's mind, it was clear that this was merely a lovers' quarrel between the broker and the woman.

In his address, Mr. Hin-shing Lo said: As your Worship knows, I have subpoenaed several witnesses. If, in view of the evidence at this stage, your Worship does not feel inclined to register a conviction against my client, I will certainly not call these witnesses. In order to save the time of the Court. In view of the evidence already given, I don't think it is quite possible to register a conviction.

An Indefinite Period.
I am sure my friend, Mr. Wadeson, will sympathise with me with respect to the legal side of the charges. No definite time or definite place was cited for the charges, which appear to have been spread over an indefinite period, although in course of the evidence, the police have marked out two occasions on which he is

said to have blackmailed the girl. Mr. Wadeson, who appeared for the complainant, observed that he should think it was necessary to call some evidence of defendant's character. There was evidence anyway that an altercation ensued at the Empress Hotel on a certain date—that he went up the staircase after the woman and scolded her.

Major C. Willson said that this much was discovered from the evidence, that there was a quarrel between the defendant and the woman, and that he was incensed over her failure to keep an appointment and uttered words that should not have been uttered.

Mr. Wadeson said he felt the case should be left in his Worship's hands at this stage, as it had gone further than he had thought.

Mountains and Molehills.
Mr. Lo: I think I ought to say this—and I am sure my friend shares the view with me—that there is a common saying that lawyers are in the habit of making mountains out of mole-hills. It has proved incorrect in this case, as I think that neither my friend nor myself has been responsible for the lengthening of these proceedings.

Mr. Wadeson: It certainly assumed dimensions which I had never thought it would.

His Worship found that there had been a quarrel between the defendant and the woman in the course of which defendant had uttered words which he should not have uttered. In warning defendant against a repetition of such conduct, his Worship said he proposed to bind the defendant over in a personal bond of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

MILITARY TATTOO PROGRAMME.

BIG SPECTACLE EARLY IN
SEPTEMBER.

FOR THREE NIGHTS.

Further details of the Tattoo to be held in Hongkong this year were disclosed at a meeting of those interested called by H.E. the G.O.C. at the City Hall last evening. The Tattoo the first event of its kind to be held in Hongkong, will take place during the first week of September, and will probably be held on three nights, not necessarily consecutive when different programmes will be presented.

The chair was taken by H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., who was supported by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. R. Sutherland, Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden said—At the opening of the new quarters of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. on Thursday last I made reference to a Tattoo to be held in Happy Valley early in September. Those of you who were present, or read an account of it in the Press, may remember that the Tattoo was referred to in somewhat vague terms. We are now going to put the scheme forward in a more detailed and comprehensive manner for it is realised that, although the Military authorities will predominate, to carry out the scheme on the scale that is intended, in such a place as this, co-operation of the community is essential. With the object of securing this co-operation His Excellency Major General Luard has asked us to meet him here this afternoon to discuss the matter. I have much pleasure in asking His Excellency to take the chair.

Objects of the Tattoo.

H.E. the G. O. C. said—I have asked you to be good enough to attend this meeting to-day to enable us to lay before you the project we have had in view for the holding of a Grand Tattoo in September next. Our objects in attempting such a thing, which I believe has never before been held in Hongkong are as follows:

- (1) The hope of making some money for Service charities and then to assist the new Naval and Military Depot at the City Hall and enable that very popular institution to keep its head above water.
- (2) To give everyone something to think about outside their daily routine in the hot weather in preparing for it.
- (3) To give a really good show of the type held during recent years at Olympia, Aldershot, etc. and which we hope, everyone including the Chinese, will enjoy.

The Civil Element.

Our particular object gentlemen in asking you to attend this meeting is—

- (1) To enlist your sympathy in the undertaking and to explain it to you.
- (2) To ask for some financial backing to enable us to start it, which will be explained later.
- (3) To inform you that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been approached on the subject and has promised to give the movement his patronage and that the Government will render all assistance possible.

(4) To form the various committees necessary to carry on. The idea of holding this tattoo originated in the mind of Colonel Comyn who has experiences of them as done at Home as an entirely Military show—he has made all enquiries regarding the tournament held at Shanghai not long ago and I will ask him to say a few words on the subject presently to explain how it stands from a Military point of view.

But on this occasion we propose to go further than they do at home or did at Shanghai, as we propose to bring in the civil element also, i.e., the Fire Brigade, St. John Ambulance, etc., and being fortunate enough to have amongst us a quite exceptionally experienced producer in the person of Mr. Sutherland, we propose to introduce a scenario amongst other things. I will, presently, ask Mr. Sutherland to give you a general idea of what is proposed.

Sympathy, encouragement and a little financial backing, Gentlemen, is what we want, and I will now ask Colonel Comyn to address you.

How Project Arose.

Lieut. Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., said the matter of a Tattoo first arose in his mind in connexion with the Benevolent Association of the regiment, and he asked the General if something on those lines could be run for the benefit of the funds of the Association. Circulars were sent out and other units expressed their willingness to take part and it was decided that some time toward the end of the summer would be the most suitable time to hold the Tattoo.

Colonel Comyn said he went to Shanghai and inquired about the very successful Tattoo held there about this time last year. He had been told by people who saw it that it was a most impressive spectacle and a great financial success. He wanted to know at that time how the funds necessary to start the Tattoo had been raised and what had been done in connexion with the insurance policy which the War Office required against men taking part in military Tattoos. On the first point he found that \$5,000 had been agreed on as the necessary sum for preliminary expenses, and that amount was quickly subscribed by friends of the Military.

As a matter of fact the total expenses in Shanghai never exceeded \$5,000. This was mainly due to the Race Club, the Municipality and firms generally who placed their premises at the disposal of the Military and gave personal service in many ways.

The Shanghai Tattoo.

As regards the second point, that of insurance, they had considered \$50,000, the sum of the policy required in respect of some 12,000 officers and men taking part in the Tattoo. The insurance was effected at a nominal premium of \$10. He believed that the insurance companies in Shanghai pooled the risks.

He was glad to say that no accident of any kind occurred. The risk of accident was infinitesimal, being no greater than that to which the men taking part in a King's Birthday parade were exposed.

Returning to Hongkong from Shanghai, he wondered whether it was possible to raise the insurance policy. About that time he met Mr. R. Sutherland and he talked about the proposal to him. Mr. Sutherland was sympathetic, as he always was with matters concerning the welfare of the troops, and said he would make inquiries. Some time later Mr. Sutherland detailed the more ambitious scheme he had in his mind.

Col. Comyn said that when he planted the seed he had no idea that it would blossom out in the grandiose scheme they were now hearing about. Mr. Sutherland said at that time that the Y.M.C.A. authorities had been puzzling their heads to find ways and means to raise funds and keep on their work and had come to the conclusion that the best way was by a big Tattoo.

Col. Comyn said he had hoped to get the proceeds for the Benevolent Association funds but they finally agreed that providing the Tattoo was on a sufficiently big scale it might meet both financial needs, deciding to ask for the mutual co-operation and goodwill of those could help.

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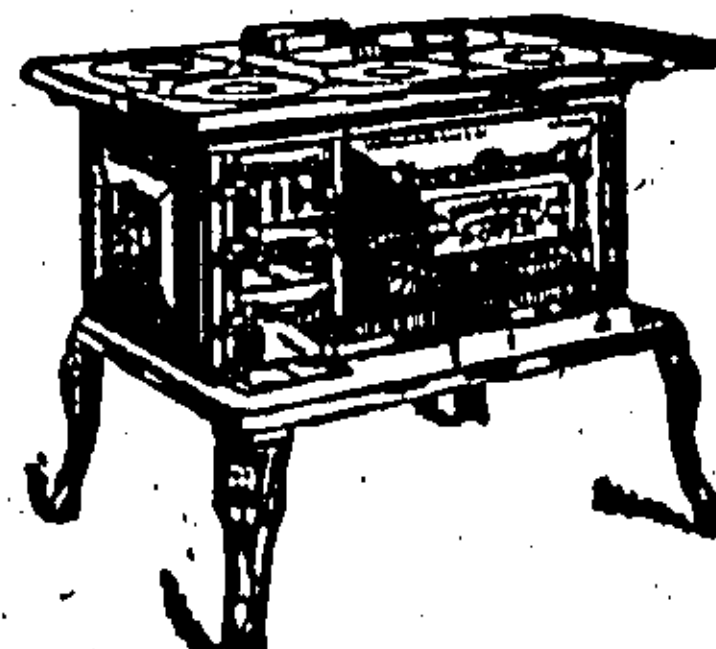
Mrs. Mary L. Damel, of No. 88 Washington street, Central Falls, U. S. A. says:—

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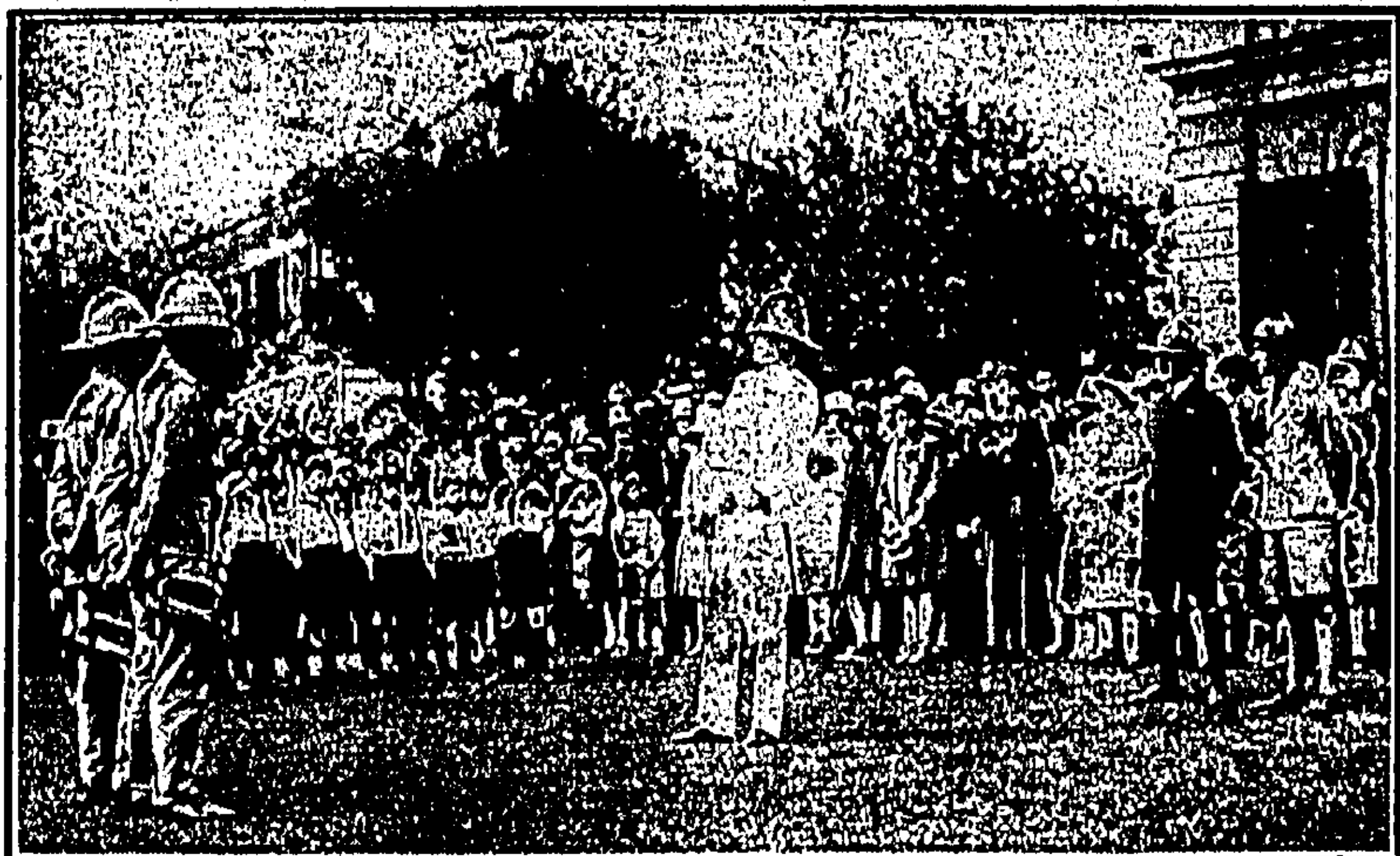


A Hot One



By Small





Shanghai Boy Scouts played a leading part in the Empire Day celebrations, opening the day's programme by raising the flag at the British Consulate. Above, Sir Sidney Barton is seen addressing the Scouts.



A feature of the Empire Day celebration at Shanghai. Sir Sidney Barton inspecting the Scouts.



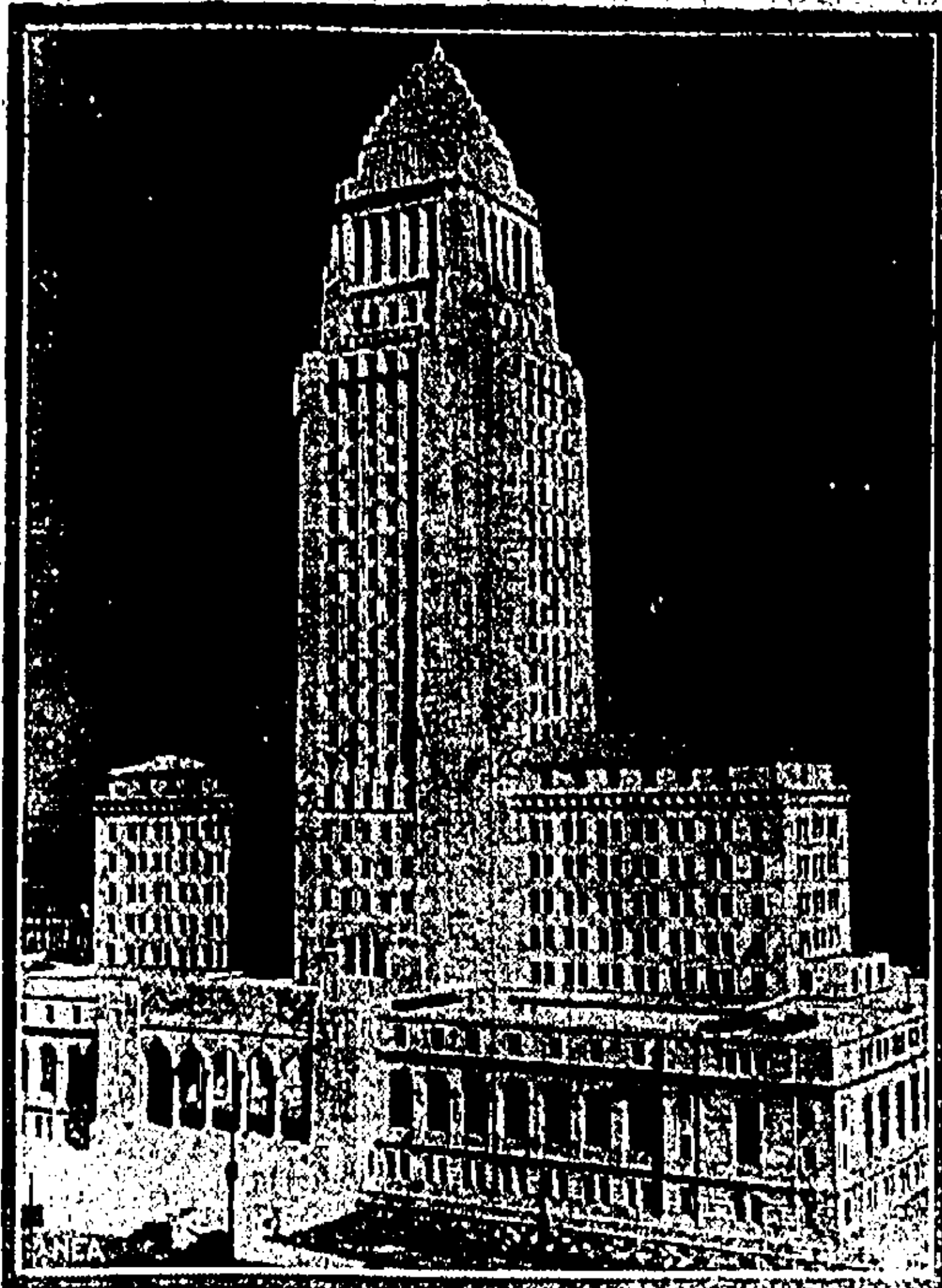
Vice-Admiral W. V. Pratt is scheduled to become commander-in-chief of the American battle fleet, or the west coast section of the U. S. navy, when the vessels return from their manoeuvres off Hawaii. Admiral Pratt now commands the battleship divisions. He succeeds Admiral L. R. de Stoebeur.



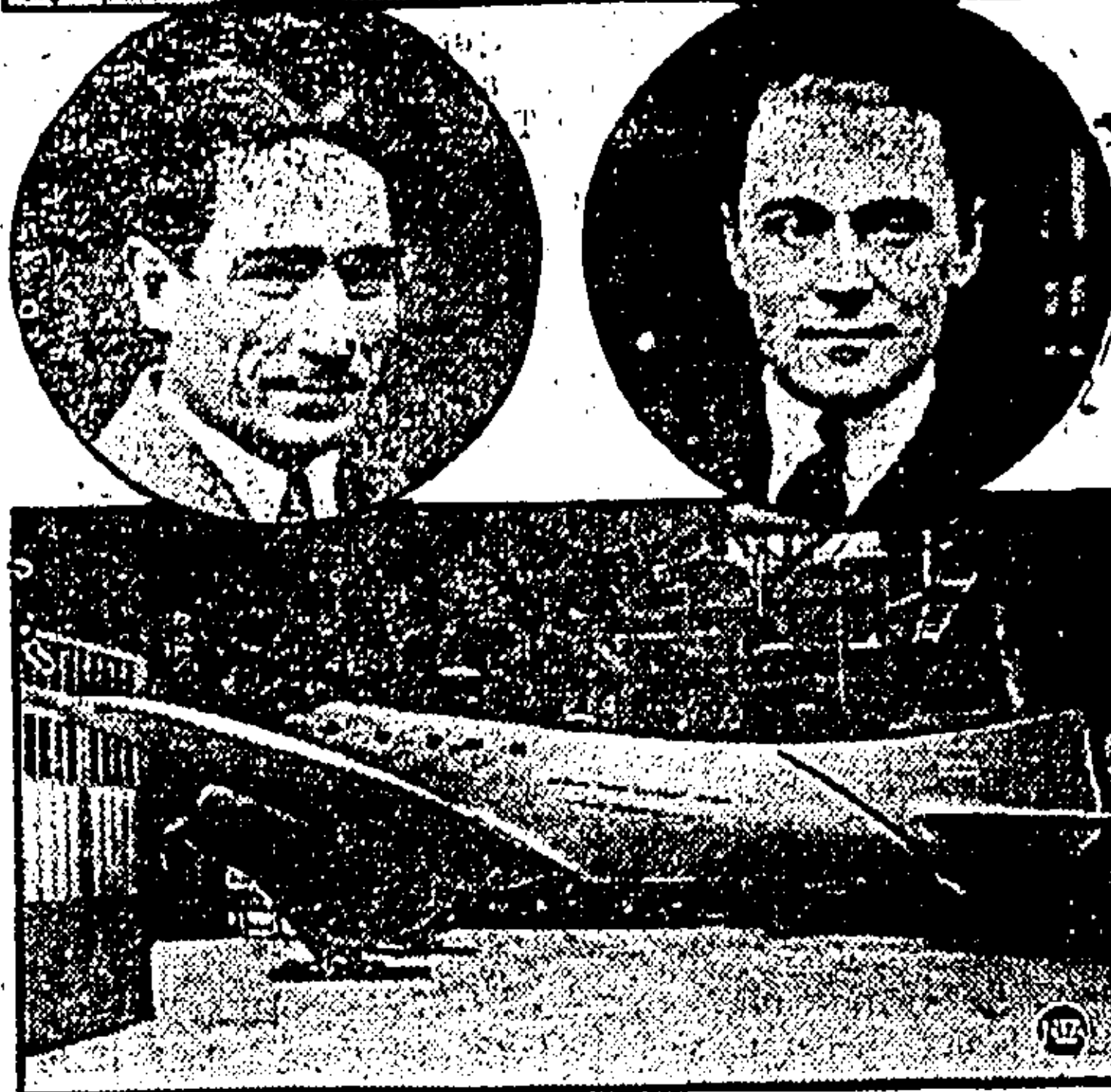
A striking scene from the film "King of Kings" to which considerable objection has been taken in different parts of England. Mary Magdalene is seen bathing the feet of Christ.



Some of the girls who acted as ushers in the Shanghai Jewish Amateur Dramatic Circle's concluding performance of the season, "Borg Mir Doin Veib" ("Lend Me Your Wife").



The magnificent new city hall of which Los Angeles is so proud cost over \$10,000,000 and is pictured above. A special day was set aside for dedication, with pageantry, ceremonies, etc. The tower is 500 feet above the street and is topped by the Lindbergh beacon, aviators' guide. This was illuminated on the night of the dedication by Pres. Coolidge pressing a button in Washington. The hall has 28 floors and is the tallest building in southern California.

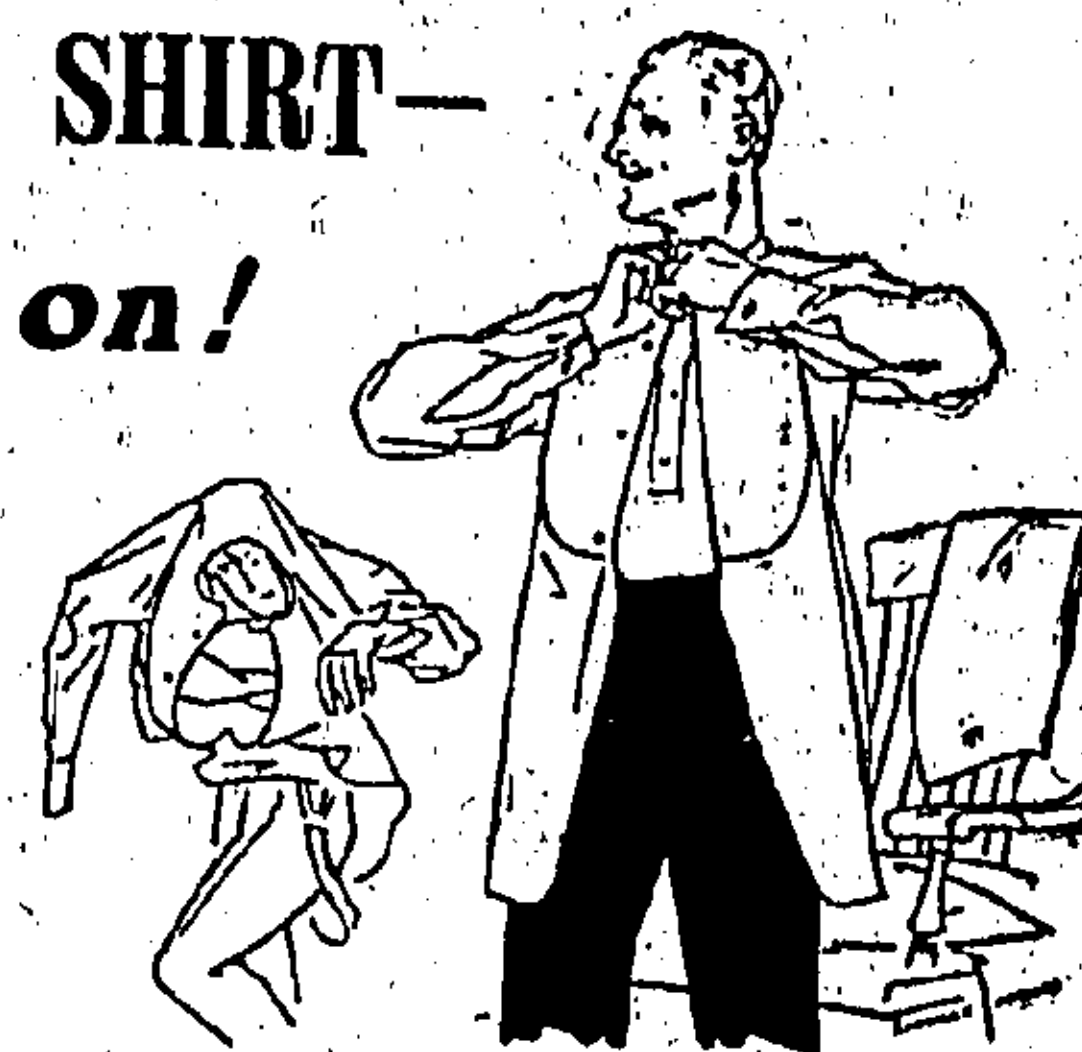


The weird lines of the new French monoplane "Rainbow" are shown clearly in the lower photo, while at the top is a close-up of its motors. Between are Maurice Droubin (left), who will pilot the remarkable craft on a trans-Atlantic flight, and Rene Couzinet, the 23-year-old designer.



In this wreckage of a garage and dance hall at West Plains, Missouri, U.S.A., the bodies of 41 persons were found after an explosion which destroyed the building. Police say gasoline in the garage below the dance hall exploded. Workmen are shown searching for more bodies in the ruins.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

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A striking new portrait study of Mary Astor, the well-known cinema star.

The Ideal Guest.

WHY SHE WAS ASKED AGAIN.

The throne occupied by the ideal guest, is a precarious one, with many clamouring to fill it. And she who would hold it must be not only a perfect lady and the life of the party but also an excellent little actress. For even though she is bored to tears she must appear to be having the rollicking time of her life. And even while she is making mental reservation never to come to this place again she must not betray her state of mind by so much as one honest sigh.

Her role is very complex. First of all, she must adapt herself graciously to the family scheme. But this is not all. She must add a sparkling something to the picture, something that will make her, if not the life of the party, at least a definite asset.

Her contribution may be a clever wit or social prestige, or a gift of the intellect. It may be physical beauty, in which case her role is easy. It may be merely a peculiar sympathy which makes those about her feel, "Here is a congenial soul. How pleasant to have her here!"

The ideal guest, therefore, is not necessarily born. She may be made. First of all, she will not keep her hostess in suspense. She will reply promptly to the invitation she has received and arrive at the specified hour. She will come in a gay, holiday humour and looking as attractive as possible.

Although it is an art to fit so neatly into a home as to be "almost like one of the family," there are certain liberties the wise guest will not take if she wishes to come again. And perhaps it is because she oversteps this invisible line and annoys her hostess that the very guest who last month was the life of the party is conspicuously missing next time.

When the time arrives for departure the ideal guest will not in any circumstances let herself be persuaded to tarry. She will bid adieu while the welcome is warm and everyone is clamouring for her to come again.

The Crinoline.

The robe-de-style forms a great part of recent collections, and it is pleasant to be able to record that they were well worth looking at, particularly one in rose-pink tulle, with a tight-fitting bodice, an uneven hem to the full skirt, and a thick ruche of the material, outlining the edge of the corsage on the hips.

Quite apart from the robe-de-style is the crinoline frock. And more than one attempt has been made to reintroduce this interesting fashion. Not only on account of its beauty are the dressmakers pushing the crinoline, but because of its quaintness. Whether this mode will materialise or not remains to be seen.

The new evening dresses are trimmed with frills and flounces, diagonal, vertical, horizontal, some of these frills and flounces being massed at the back of the dress, recalling, not the "fifties" but the "eighties"—the days of bustles.

Diagonal and spiral flounces appear frequently, and some dresses have curved flounces in tiers, which mount at the back of the skirts and then fall, recalling the pictures of the frocks worn by the women of the "eighties."

It is believed that these effects will help to bring in a new line, and such is their charm that there is every possibility that they will.

Nursery Luxury.

NEW DESIGNS IN FURNITURE.

The modern child accompanying his mother to the exhibition of nursery furniture at Waring and Gillow's, Oxford-street, may well consider himself lucky. When his mother was a child nobody talked about the "harmony of the nursery," or worried about cultivating a child's "appreciation of the beautiful."

Miniature chairs and tables in lavender, blue, old cream or weathered oak, furnish the modern nursery, which, to suit the requirements of occupants of flats and small houses, is a combined day and night nursery.

Even the walls and floors are organised for the youngster's entertainment. If on a wet day his rather bored thoughts stray to the walls they are arrested by brilliantly yellow giraffes or striped tigers. If they wander to the floor, there on the washable and fadeless mats are more animals.

When tired of staring at pictures he can do a little reading, thanks to the nursery rhymes painted (with illustrations) on the screen or bed. But this writing business is carried a little too far when the moral is added. For instance, day and night he can never get away from the words, painted on his washstand, "Early to bed and early to rise."

Some of the newest ideas in small matters are very practical. There is a toy box that can be kept in the drawing-room. Some of the chairs, which have slides designed as bears and elephants, can have little tables attached to them. The nurse's tables are most serviceable.

Among the ladies connected with welfare work who have interested themselves in the exhibition are Lady Islington and the Hon. Mrs. St. Aubyn.

Table Etiquette.

HOW TO EAT PASSION FRUIT.

Domestic and foreign delicacies are appearing more and more frequently at English dinner tables. The method of eating them may baffle the diner-out who is confronted with them for the first time, and the interest, felt in the rare dish may be marred by feelings of embarrassment. Moreover, the fact that a hostess does not know how to deal with a foreign dish may prevent her from introducing it into her menu.

Several things are, like asparagus, held in the fingers. They are: Indian corn in the cob. This should be buttered and sprinkled with salt and pepper. Then hold the cob in the hand and bite the corn off.

Pole gras when served as a puree. It is then spread on hot toast with a knife and eaten in the fingers. But if served in pate form it is usually eaten with knife and fork. The leaves of globe artichokes are eaten in the fingers, a leaf at a time being detached and dipped in melted butter or sauce. But the bottom part must be eaten with a fork, after the uneatable portions have been scraped off.

Among the things eaten with a teaspoon are:

Passion fruit, which is eaten in rather an unusual way. The top is cut off exactly as if it were the top of an egg. The soft inside is eaten with a teaspoon, after cream has been added.

Grapefruit is eaten with a teaspoon, falling the special grapefruit spoons which can now be bought. The courses eaten with a fork only include oysters. Caviare has lemon squeezed over it and is then eaten with a fork.

Before eating iced melon, sprinkle over it either sugar, pepper, or powdered ginger.

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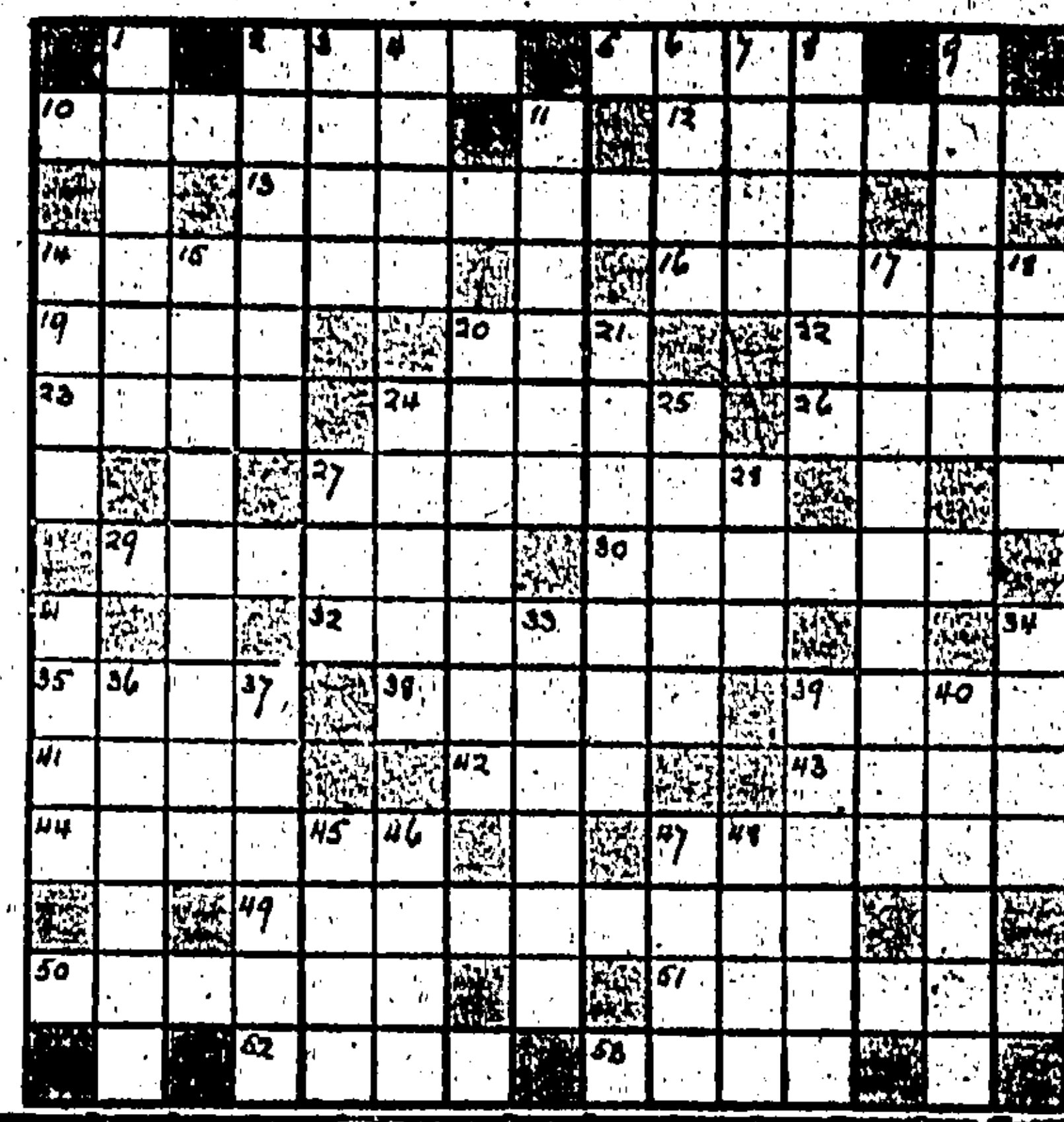
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Down.

- 2 From a distance.
- 5 Planet.
- 10 Ready.
- 12 Remedy.
- 13 South American copper ore.
- 14 Condiment.
- 16 Church dignitary.
- 19 Male deer.
- 20 It is so.
- 22 Part.
- 23 Certain days in ancient Roman calendar.
- 24 In that place.
- 26 Perceives.
- 27 Gift.
- 29 Mend.
- 30 Gazed.
- 32 Swagger.
- 35 Thin narrow board.
- 36 More sensible.
- 39 Bite audibly.
- 41 Plant of same order as lily.
- 42 Spread to the air.
- 43 Narrow band.
- 44 Cask.
- 47 Wearing a stole.
- 49 Helmsman.
- 50 Simpleton.
- 51 Ten and one.
- 52 Congealed watery particles.
- 53 Indebted.

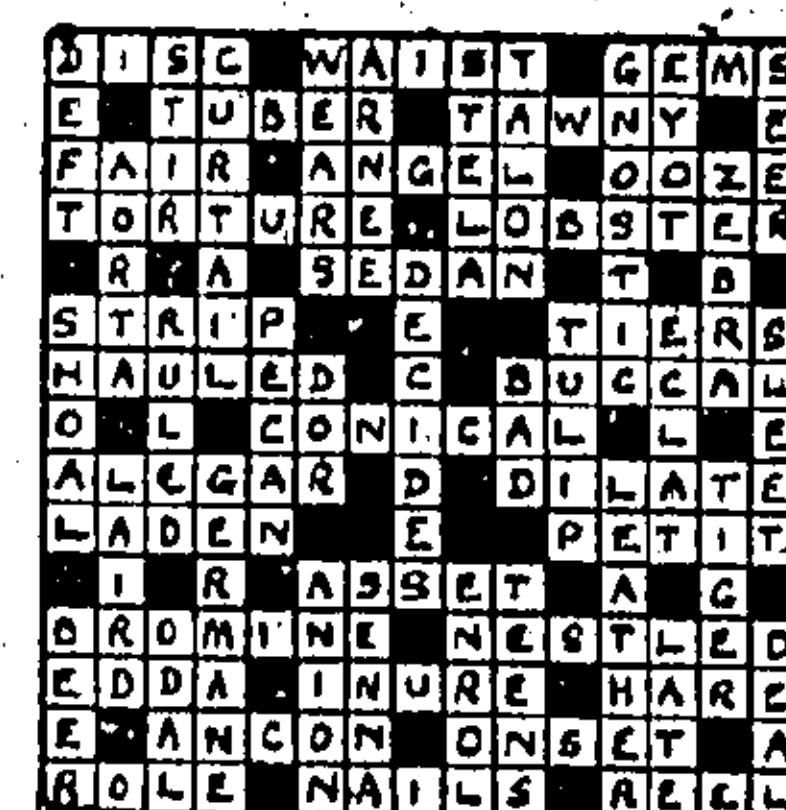
Across.

- 1 Cut the head off.
- 2 Makes suitable.
- 3 Feast.
- 4 Hebrew month.
- 6 Parched.
- 7 Vascular net-work.
- 8 Daubs.
- 9 Word of promise.
- 11 Changes.

Across.

- 14 Face.
- 15 Leader of a choir.
- 17 Equally eternal with another.
- 18 Bird's home.
- 20 Combined civil and religious law of Turkey.
- 21 Having a crest.
- 24 Threes united.
- 25 Go in.
- 27 State of equality.
- 28 Coal by-product.
- 31 Piece of marble.
- 33 Speaks derisively.
- 34 Imitated.
- 36 Loss of speech.
- 37 Particulates.
- 38 Free from stones.
- 40 Summit.
- 45 Famous school.
- 46 Kind of cotton gauze.
- 47 Bird of Merganser family.
- 48 Story.

Yesterday's Solution.

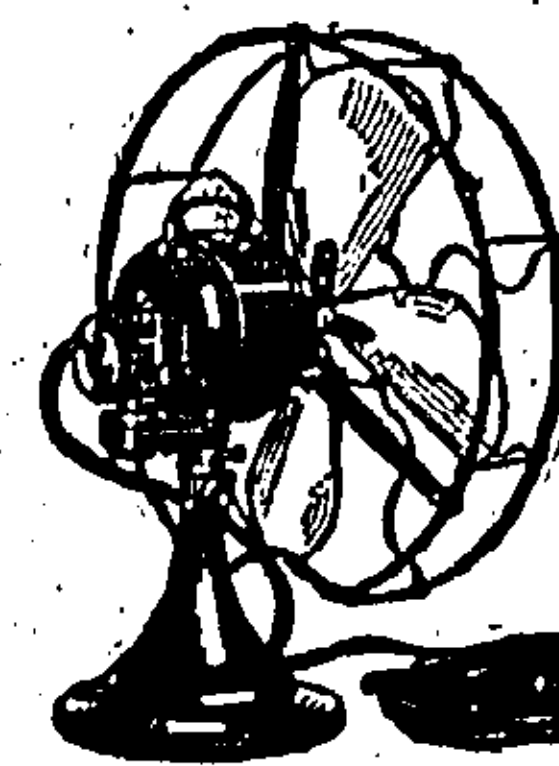


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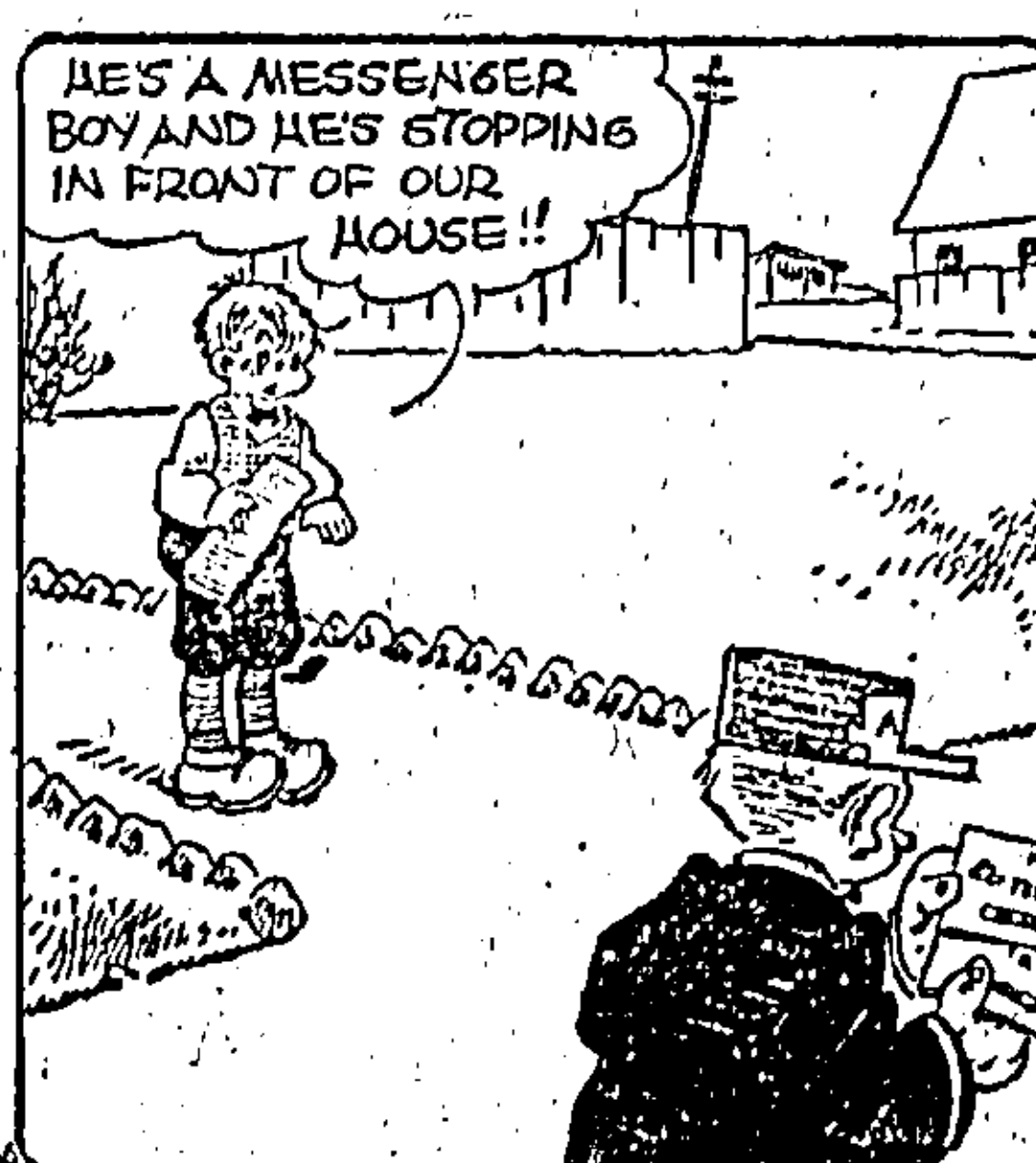
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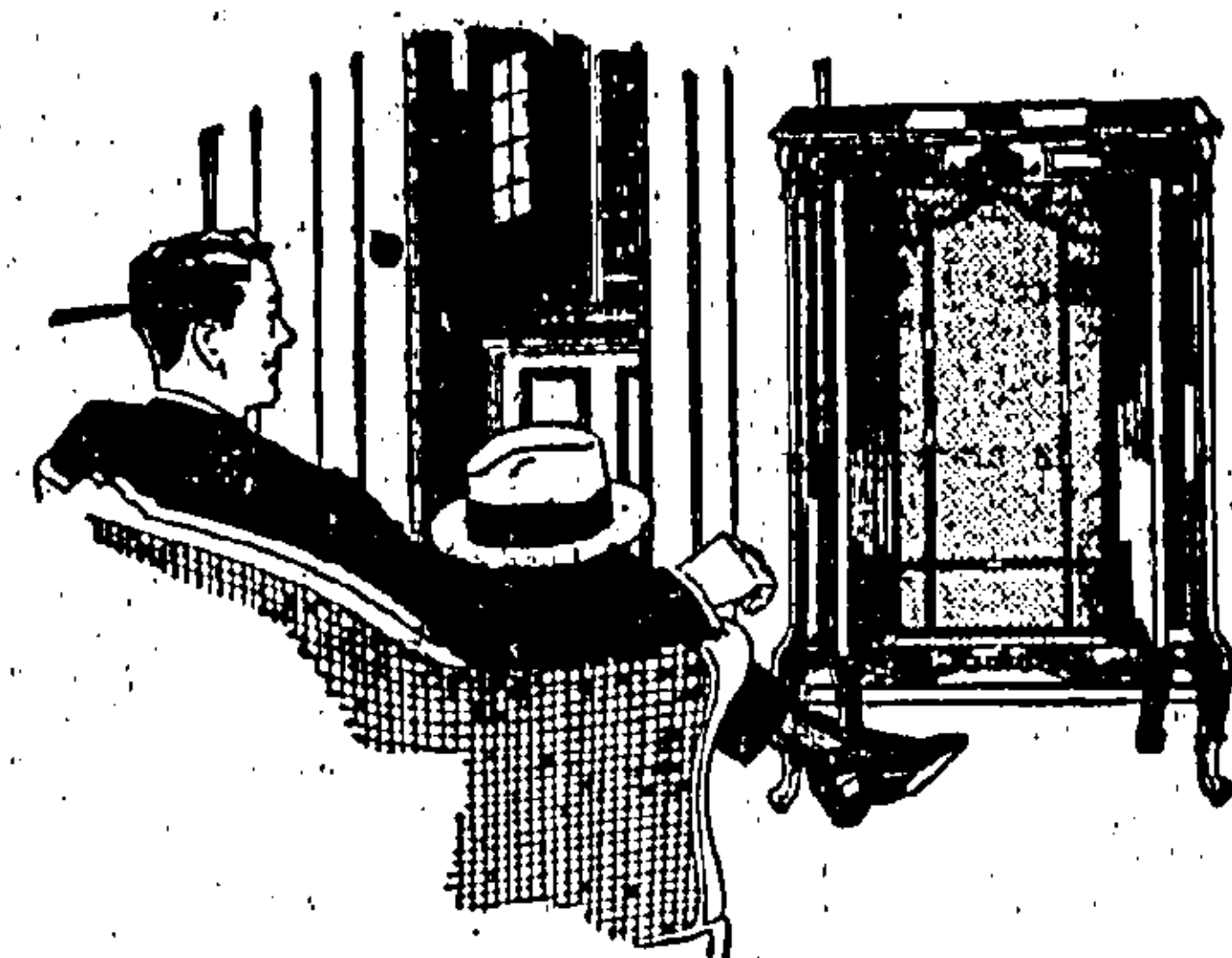
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LUCK.

By this time next week, somebody will be richer to the extent of more than three hundred thousand sterling as a result of the Calcutta Sweepstake on the Derby. As we have not managed to secure a ticket, it will not be us. But there are many Hongkong people who have a lively interest in the draw, and, on the principle that somebody has to win the prize, all of them naturally hold the hope that fortune will come their way. The odds, of course, are tremendous. But that does not deter ticket-holders from indulging in the alluring if somewhat profitless pastime of building castles in the air. We have all done it in our time, but the great majority of us have had to be content with hoping for better luck next time. And there will be many thousand again in that position after this year's Derby has come and gone.

There has, we notice, recently been some correspondence in one of the London newspapers concerning systems at roulette, and one writer asserts that he is in possession of a method, tested over twenty thousand chances, which will produce almost mathematically a profit of twelve louis an hour with a louis unit. Whatever the merits of such systems, however, no player can in the long run overcome the mathematical advantage which the Monte Carlo bank has assured itself, for it is to be doubted whether there is any method which will not some day or other touch the maximum and collapse like a house of cards. All that the player can do is to avail himself to the full of every mathematical advantage in his favour; and if he is careful enough, he may postpone the evil day. Of infallible systems, the motto is legion, but the Casino still manages to pay its shareholders a handsome dividend. Whether we are dealing with roulette, cards, or sweepstakes, it must be remembered that the caprices of fortune are due to nothing more than the limits of human intelligence. As one writer expressed it, no-one really imagines that some swerve of the atom, or some other form of miracle, conditions the point at which the roulette-ball stops, the card turns up, or the sweepstake-ball comes out. All such results

are the consequence of normal causation; but it so happens, that we know so little of the causes that produce them that correct prophecy is impossible. On the other hand, most gamblers are possessed of a conviction that luck does exist, and, conversely, that some people have the misfortune always to be "unlucky." But even those who have never won a prize of any kind in a sweep, despite the regular purchase of tickets, often keep on buying, in the belief that fortune will, if they persist, eventually smile on them. We have even heard of instances in which a man has for years concentrated on a particular number without success, but who has kept on buying it because of a fear that, the moment he deserts it, it might really turn up!

But, luck or no luck, the temptation to woo the Goddess of Fortune is one to which the most of us are occasionally susceptible. It is human nature to "have a flutter" now and then, and life would be a rather drab affair for some folk if they did not put their luck to the test. But wholesale gambling, and the risking of money which the punter cannot afford to lose, are in quite another category—usually economically disastrous and always morally unsound.

Making Things Clear.

As we believe an American would say, President Coolidge has had the veto axe in hand all Session. The Mississippi Flood Bill, requiring something like \$70,000,000, is obviously too much for a man whose reputation is that he squeezes a dollar till the eagle screams; Mr. Mellon was not prepared to allow in his Budget for the full amount of the taxation reduction demanded; while the Farm Relief Bill is regarded by the President as pernicious. These incidentally were the only major issues before Congress, and the President attacked them all. That he was only called upon to exercise his veto right in the case of the Farm Relief Bill is due to concessions made during the passages through the House. The very nature of the bill, however, demanded its acceptance or rejection just as it stood, or more or less. President Coolidge, in returning it to the Senate, declared it to be unconstitutional, and said that the equalisation fee, its principal feature, was altogether unacceptable. This fee rose out of a method by which a Federal Farm Board would decide when a surplus had grown in any farm products, and would arrange to hold back the surplus, or to "dump" it abroad. The money for the purpose was to come first from a fund of \$400,000,000, and when this was exhausted, from an equalisation fee, a levy on all growers of the crop which produced a surplus. On the eve almost of the Presidential election, when agricultural votes are much in demand, the Republican Party is seriously alarmed at the possible effects of the veto, particularly as the New York Senators, from a State which is likely to suffer by Farm Relief, were strongly in favour, no doubt to gain the rural votes for the Democratic candidate, of Mr. Al. Smith. The retiring President is, however, rather clever. In his criticism of the Bill he declared that it embodied a "formidable array of perils for agriculture, which were all the more menacing because they were obscured in a mass of ponderously futile bureaucratic paraphernalia." Ponderously futile bureaucratic paraphernalia—fancy being obscured in that! We feel sure that the farmers will agree that this could not have been permitted. In the same connexion, we are beginning to realise why the British are often accused in America of subtlety.

According to a report made to the police yesterday, two diamond rings, valued at \$3,000 were stolen from No. 1 Leong Tai Terrace, the residence of Mr. Leung Tat-ting. The theft must have occurred between 9.30 a.m. on the evening of May 29 and morning on May 30, according to the surmise of the person who made the report. An amah employed at the house is detained for enquiries.

DAY BY DAY.

PEOPLE DO NOT WORK WELL FOR BARE NECESSITIES; THEY WORK WELL FOR IDEALS, FOR ASPIRATIONS, FOR COMFORTS; YES, FOR LUXURIES.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

The P. and O. s.s. Nankin, from Singapore, is due here at noon on June 5th.

Two cases of typhoid and one of small-pox (all Chinese) were notified yesterday.

By making absolute 115 decrees nisi, Lord Merivale, in the Divorce Court recently, made the total of cases disposed of in two weeks 284.

Mr. Thomas Hamilton, who was fatally burned in the recent train disaster in South Africa, was the son of a well-known Paisley banker.

During the year ended March 31, 93,231 children received attention by the N.S.P.C.C., and out of 596 cases in which legal action was taken only 14 failed.

Dr. W. A. Dow, who was appointed coroner for East Sussex last summer, but was unable to serve owing to ill health, died recently in a nursing home.

Leonard West, 4, of Rosebery-road, Norbiton, died from injuries received when he fell on to the live rail of the Southern Railway near Norbiton Station.

The moonlight picnic arranged by the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club for Saturday has been postponed owing to inclement weather. It is hoped that this picnic will take place on Monday, weather permitting.

Mr. George Ko has won the ping-pong Championship of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, with Mr. Archie Hunt as runner-up. The Handicap was won by Mr. Archie Hunt with Mr. Francis Zimmerman as runner-up.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., advertise that all departments will be closed on Monday, June 4. The Hongkong Dispensary will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for the dispensing of prescriptions only.

There is much of interest in the May issue of *The Yellow Dragon*, Queen's College magazine, including an account of the late Mr. Lee Hy-san's connexion with the College, a very readable article on Spring, a continuation of *The Flowering Plants of Hongkong* and School and sports notes.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on an 18-year-old Chinese, who was found in the staircase of No. 5, Austin Avenue at 1 o'clock this morning. The defendant, in reply to his Worship, admitted that he had gone there to steal.

STILL MORE RAIN.

"South-east" winds, moderate; overcast; rain," is the Royal Observatory forecast up to noon to-morrow. The daily report states:—The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another is central over South-West Manchuria. The depression over the Gulf of Tongking has deepened slightly. The Formosa depression has deepened and moved to the north of Oshima.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the week ended June 1st, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 2½d.

The Tai Luk, for the Union Waterboat Co., was launched at Kowloon Dock, being christened by Mrs. Ritchie.

Mrs. (later Lady) May presented the prizes at the Victoria British School, at which Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, as Inspector of Schools, delivered an address.

A Revolutionary Society burnt the yamen at Ung Kung, near Swatow, and murdered four Mandarins.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shareholders approved of a resolution to increase the Bank's capital from ten to twenty million dollars.

H. E. Tseng Chun Hauan, President of the Board of Posts and Communications in Peking, was appointed Viceroy of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Mr. Henry Keswick was appointed an unofficial member of the Hongkong Legislative Council, in place of Mr. W. J. Gresson.

PEAK TRAMWAYS REPORT.

PROFITS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

The report of the Directors of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., for the year ended April 30th, 1928, is as follows:

The net profit for the twelve months, after deducting Directors' fees and General Managers' remuneration, and making provision for depreciation, amounts to \$52,241.16, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last account, \$21,712.59, making available for appropriation, \$73,953.75.

The Directors recommend that the amount available for distribution be allocated as follows:—Pay a dividend of 10% on 25,000 shares fully paid up, \$25,000; pay a dividend of 10% on 50,000 shares \$5,000 paid up, \$25,000; transfer to General Reserve, \$10,000; and carry forward to next account, \$13,953.75.

Directors.—During the year Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. J. J. Paterson resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony. Sir Elly Kadoorie, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. A. B. Stewart and Mr. M. H. Turner were invited to join the Board in accordance with Rule 95 (a) of the Articles of Association, the present members, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie, Mr. A. B. Stewart and Mr. M. H. Turner retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts were audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis offer themselves for re-election.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

To-morrow's *Telegraph* will contain an interesting and varied selection of topical pictures illustrating recent local events.

Of the Whitsuntide Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday and Monday, there will be a series of six pictures showing winners being led in.

The Bishop of Victoria will be seen in another photograph dedicating the new Anglican church at Ikonantin, and there will also be a picture of the building.

The 1st Battalion Queen's Regiment will be seen on their way to St. John's Cathedral for the unveiling of the memorial tablet to men of the regiment who died in China in 1860.

Another picture will show the Wanchai Memorial decorated with a wreath on the occasion of the American Memorial Day.

FLEMISH ARTIST'S EXHIBITIONS.

TREAT FOR LOVERS OF ART IN HONGKONG.

The well-known Flemish artist, Mr. A. Kets, is showing an exhibition of his work at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow, on his first return to the East for four years.

While in Europe, he has made many copies of the masterpieces of Rembrandt, the portrait of King Charles II by Van Dyck, landscapes after Hobema, and still-life drawings after some of the famous Flemish artists.

It would be extremely difficult to find discrepancies between his work and the originals.

For many years, Mr. Kets was the Professor of Life Studies at the Peking University. He holds the Chinese Presidential decoration, the Order of the Excellent Crop, and the Order of Leopold (Belgium).

DEFENDANT'S STORY BELIEVED.

EXPLAINS POSSESSION OF CYCLE LAMP.

Satisfied that the story told by the defendant was correct, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, discharged the Chinese who was charged on remand with being in possession of a motor cycle lamp, reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

The defendant, it will be remembered, told the Magistrate yesterday that a former tenant had given him the lamp in lieu of a month's rent. This story was substantiated by the defendant's fellow-lodgers when the police made enquiries after the adjournment of the case yesterday.

Under the circumstances, his Worship discharged the defendant.

The Very Idea!

For twenty-five years Mr. Percy Armitage has been a gentleman usher at Buckingham Palace. In that time he has had opportunities of meeting most of the exalted people of the day. He has also collected a fine store of information about the customs and traditions of the court. Added to these, Mr. Armitage has an excellent style as a raconteur, so that his book, "By the Clock of St. James," is one of the most delightful books of reminiscences.

Perhaps the most amusing and characteristic story told by Mr. Armitage is one about Lord Charles Beresford. He had received an invitation to stay at a great country house, and he telegraphed, "Sorry, can't come, He follows by post."

On one occasion, when Parliament was about to be opened by Queen Victoria, Smith, the coachman, brought the coach and horses through the archway into the quadrangle of Buckingham Palace, and drew up before the Grand Entrance in magnificent style. Beckoning to Mr. Percy Armitage's father, who was in command of the guard of honour, Smith went down and whispered:

"Will you do me a favour, colonel?"

"Of course, Smith, if I possibly can."

"Keep that big drum of yours quiet as we go out; the ponies are very fresh."

"Yes; but Smith, what would Her Majesty and the Prince think of 'God Save the Queen'—without the big drum?"

To which, Smith replied: "I've got these 'orses in, but if that big drum of yours goes I don't know 'ow I shall get 'em out!"

There had been a railway accident near a country town in America, and a shrewd lawyer, with an eye to business, hurried to the scene of the disaster. He noticed an old negro with an injured head, and went up to where he lay groaning on the ground. "How about damages?" he began. But the sufferer waved him off. "G'way, bass, g'way," he said. "Ah nebbet hit de train. Ah nebbet done such a t'ing in my life. Yo' can't git no damages out ob me."

Solicitor at Clerkenwell County Court: Have you any more witnesses to call? Man: I have the town hall. Mr. Registrar-Friend: Then let us have the town hall in the witness-box. A borough council clerk then entered the box.

Judge Cluer at Shoreditch: You are seeking to tell me what passed between two women, which is not evidence—goodness only knows what passes between two women.

A solicitor asked a wife at Shoreditch County Court if her husband was heavily in debt. The wife: Happy is the wife whose husband is not.

Willenden man: Give me time and I will pay the fine. Magistrate: You are meeting trouble halfway. There is no fine yet.

Magistrate at Willenden: Why did you not appear yesterday on this charge of drunkenness? Man: I was getting over the day before, sir.

Barrister at West London County Court: I would hold no brief for any one who embezzled money. Judge Sturgess: I have, and been successful.

Considerable amusement has been caused in the Taxation Department in Adelaide owing to the receipt of an indignant letter from a country orchardist, protesting bitterly against the injustice of an item in his income tax assessment, "super tax, £1/8." He concluded his letter as follows: "I do not see why I should pay super tax. I have never used it in my life—I have always used bone dust."

Most married men and all married women will appreciate the application of a wife at Westminster Police Court recently. Desiring a summons for maintenance, she said: "While I was in the hospital my husband got the house in such a muddle that he could not face it, and he left last Friday."

All the women in court smiled, broadly, and the men looked foolish. Even Mr. Gill, the magistrate, seemed slightly embarrassed as he suggested that the husband would probably return when things were straightened out again. The woman missionary agreed. Any man who has been left alone in a house for a couple of days will understand exactly why this particular husband left home.

Tam, the caddy, watched the latest convert to the Royal and Ancient game with contempt. "Tam," whispered the club "pro," "What's up now?"

"Him," indicated Tam. "He'll never mak a player!"

"I'm not so sure," said the other. "He's doing rather well for a beginner."

They watched him miss his stroke in heavenly silence. "Ah tell ye," snorted Tam, "that ye'll never mak a player of him. Dye-ken what he says when he misses his ba? He jist says 'Tut-tut!'"

NATIVE CLOTHS
PREFERRED.CANTON GOVERNMENT'S NEW
INSTRUCTION.

FOREIGN OPPRESSION.

In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, says the Canton Gazette, the Provincial Government has issued a notification to all the districts and precincts urging that silk goods woven on native looms should be used in place of serges and flannels imported from foreign countries.

The official despatch says that as China suffers from economic oppression by foreign imperialists, native industries have been in a decaying state and the means of livelihood of our people has become more and more restricted.

The Only Way.
The only way by which we may relieve this distress is to encourage in every possible way the consumption of home-made goods. The mayors and head officials in various towns and districts in Kwangtung are asked to carry out this order with a view to improving the welfare of the masses, especially the working class.

Raw silk is produced mainly in Shun Tak district, which supplies the country with materials to be manufactured into the latest designs of silk goods.

This news is hailed with gratification in industrial circles.

Officials' Uniforms.
All officials connected with the Municipality will have to wear only native-made clothes when the resolution to this effect is carried out, adds the Canton Gazette.

Mr. Wang Tok-sing, head of the Municipal Land Bureau, laid a proposal before the Municipal Administrative Council suggesting that persons employed by the city government should wear uniforms to be made out of native materials. His idea was to practice thrift, while at the same time, native products should enjoy a good market at home. This suggestion was adopted at a recent meeting of the Municipal Council.

It has been decided that all such clothes are to be cut in civilian style, and the colour will be white in summer, grey in autumn and black in winter. For female staffs, white blouses and black skirts or white long coats will be worn in hot seasons.

MINING BALLOT
METHODS.

CHALLENGE TO THE T.U.C.

Challenges and counter-challenges mark the controversy between the Notts Miners' Industrial Union and the old Miners' Association, which is taking a ballot in the coalfield with the object of establishing a case for recognition.

Mr. H. Gaseoyne, secretary of the Industrial Union, has sent a challenge to Mr. Citrine, secretary of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, suggesting a meeting at which, he said, "I will produce evidence of a man who is not a miner being given ballot papers and will prove that he voted, and I will prove to you that professional and business men can be, and actually are, in possession of ballot papers. I will produce six ballot papers that were given to one man yesterday."

To this Mr. Citrine replied insisting on a public meeting to discuss the charges and declaring: "I will answer them in categorical detail; you producing your witnesses, and I bringing officers in charge of the ballot, whose partiality you impute."

An Affidavit.

A bombshell has fallen in the ballot camp in the shape of an affidavit, sworn by Mr. B. F. H. Mollan, an official of the Seamen's Union, before Mr. J. M. Barnett, a Commissioner for Oaths. Mr. Mollan declares that he went to the Employment Exchange, Nottingham, where there was a ballot box outside the door. "I applied for, and obtained a ballot paper," he adds, "which I put into my pocket. About ten minutes later I again applied to the man who had issued my first ballot paper to me, and was immediately handed a second paper. I was at no time, either on the issue of the first or the second paper, asked as to what were my qualifications for obtaining a paper nor as to whether I was a miner or not."

Mr. Mollan relates how he balloted by tearing from the first paper issued to him the slip marked the Notts Miners' Association—commonly called the Old Union. "Before putting the slip into the ballot box," he proceeds, "I marked on the right-hand side my initials, 'B. F. H. M.' The remaining portion of the ballot paper is hereto annexed, and the whole of the second ballot paper obtained by me is also annexed."

BARONET & SON SUE
FOR CONSPIRACY.AFFAIRS OF FAMOUS
PRINTING FIRM.

A former director of the printing firm of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., in the King's Bench Division, sued Sir Philip Waterlow and his son, Mr. Edgar L. Waterlow, for damages for alleged conspiracy.

Mr. Albert George Gronow, of Oakleigh-crescent, Hatch End, Middlesex, alleged that Sir Philip and his son had conspired to remove him from the position of director and joint general manager of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd.

The defence was a denial of this, and it was pleaded that the object of the action was not so much the recovery of damages as an attempt at blackmail.

Sir Patrick Hastings, for Mr. Gronow, said he began with Waterlow Brothers and Layton, Ltd., in 1910 at £300 a year. By 1919 he had risen to a position in the company bringing him between £7,000 and £8,000 a year.

It was stated that the firm of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd., (of which Sir Philip and his son were directors) should amalgamate with Waterlow Brothers and Layton, Ltd.

Mr. Gronow and Mr. Russell Palmer were appointed joint general managers of the amalgamated company of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd.

A few months after the amalgamation (counsel continued) a 10 years' contract with the company was about to expire. To Mr. Gronow's amazement he was told not to tender for the contract, the defendants stating that it was their practice not to tender for certain contracts against other people if they could arrange to get an exchange with those people.

The defendants also said they could produce agreements to confirm that arrangement. When Mr. Gronow asked to look at the agreements (added Sir Patrick) the defendants refused to produce them.

From that point the defendants were determined that Mr. Gronow should be turned out, and he was subjected to petty insults.

He was not allowed to see all the letters, and when he was speaking in the office the defendants played toy golf on the table. He was ultimately driven to resign, and added counsel, he heard five years later from Sir Wm. Waterlow the reason why the defendants were anxious to get rid of him.

Sir William Waterlow had declined to give a proof of his evidence, but so confident was Mr. Gronow of the honesty of Sir William that he was calling Sir William on subpoena without knowing what his evidence would be.

Sir William Waterlow said he was still on the board of Waterlow and Sons, Ltd. The company was engaged in printing the entire issue of £1 and 10s. currency notes, and the initiation of the scheme was very largely due to Mr. Gronow, who received the O.B.E. for those services.

Sir William said he did not believe in trade arrangements concerning contracts.

"Muzzling Him."
Mr. Gronow, giving evidence, said he asked Mr. Edgar Waterlow if it was true that he (Mr. Waterlow) had stated that the object of the amalgamation was to muzzle him.

Mr. Waterlow replied that it was perfectly true, and remarked, "You were a thorn in our sides." It was also pointed out by Mr. Edgar Waterlow (Mr. Gronow continued) that the defendants proposed sharing the Gas Light and Coke Company's contract with McCordquodales.

"I asked," continued Mr. Gronow, "how it was proposed to carry that out, and he replied: 'McCordquodales prices on one section will be higher than ours and vice versa.' I said, 'I object to this secret arrangement,' Sir William said, 'So do I.'"

"Mr. Edgar Waterlow then said, 'These arrangements are very profitable to us. In my safe I have an agreement signed by Stuart de la Rue (now dead) in connexion with the Treasury note contract under which, had they taken the Treasury note contract for you (meaning Waterlow Brothers and Layton) we should have made a lot of money.'"

Mr. Gronow said that after leaving Waterlow's he joined the board of De la Rue's at 7,500 guineas a year, free of tax. He was removed from the board of that company in September, 1922, and was afterwards paid £10,000 compensation in settlement of an action which he had started against them.

In his present position his salary was £2,000 a year and £400 director's fees.

The hearing was adjourned.

MORE ANTI-JAPANESE LEAFLETS.

FIVE CHINESE ARE
SENTENCED.CHIANG KAI-SHEK COMES IN
FOR CRITICISM.

RISING ADVOCATED.

Lt. Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., acting First Magistrate this morning sentenced a Chinese, who was charged with possession and distribution of seditious literature, to nine months' hard labour, but added that if, at the end of three months, the propaganda against the Japanese should cease, he might recommend to the proper authorities a remission of the remainder of the sentence.

Sergeant Whant, who prosecuted, said the defendant was arrested in Hospital Road on May 22, where he was throwing certain leaflets on the street. A crowd, consisting mainly of boys, were following him and picking up the papers.

"Sentence Passed."
In passing sentence on the defendant his Worship said:—"This seems a similar case to the one I tried the other day, where a man was convicted of carrying a banner. I impose on this man the sentence of nine months' hard labour and I add the same condition as I did on the last occasion, that is, if during the next three months the propaganda should cease, I would consider recommending to the proper authorities, the remission of the remainder of his sentence."

The Document.
A translation of the leaflet distributed by the defendant reads as follows:

"To our brothers and sisters in Hongkong:
"The Japanese Imperialists sent their fleet and brutal soldiers to Tsinan to burn and kill our brothers and sisters. How can we, brothers and sisters in Hongkong, allow the Japanese to usurp our Tsinan City in Shantung?"

"Brothers and Sisters! Are you hoping to unite China first before we take up the question of Tsinan? The betrayers of our country only want to unite China and then surrender the whole of her to the Imperialists. We are hoping that the Kuomintang will capture Peking and then discuss the question of Tsinan. But Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang has accepted the five demands of the Japanese Imperialists. The Kuomintang has not reached Peking yet."

"When the Kuomintang reaches Peking, Peking will surely be sold to Japan."

Kuomintang Attacked.

Why does the Kuomintang want to surrender this to the Imperialists? Because she has lost the support of the peasants and workmen. The Kuomintang has killed the people and concluded the Unequal Treaty. If the Kuomintang captures Peking, it will mean that it is captured by the Imperialists. Why do the Imperialists want to kill our people? Because we have not been active and forgot the spirit which we showed during the Canton and Hongkong Strike. We have to fight against the Imperialists."

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Well, they ain't said anything about stoppin' it."

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perialists and be active to get the question of Tsinan settled ourselves. Let us shout loudly:

"Overthrow Chiang Kai-shek, who has betrayed our country and killed our people. Overthrow the Imperialist fleets and brutal soldiers. The success of the Northern expedition is only the success of the Imperialists. Oppose the five demands of the Japanese Imperialists, which have been accepted by the Kuomintang."

Another Case.
The case was then proceeded with against four other Chinese who were arrested on the reclamation ground at the Praya East on the evening of May 21st. The first three men were charged with possessing seditious literature and with distributing it to the public, and the fourth man with collecting a crowd and delivering speech to the detriment of peace and good order. There were also other charges of an alternative nature.

A Chinese detective stated that he was one of a party of plainclothes men who went with Detective Sergeant Whelan to the reclamation ground at the Praya East at 8.45 on the evening of May 21. There he saw the fourth defendant standing on a stool, and he was delivering an oration to a crowd of about 150 people who had collected around him. The three other defendants had taken up positions by the speaker, and they were officiating as his supporters.

"Running Dogs."

The address which the fourth defendant was delivering was well under way, but witness arrived in time to hear such references as "running dog" (meaning a traitor) being given first given to Chiang Kai-shek, then to Chang Tao-lin and Li Chai-sun. The Nationalist leader was believed to have acceded to the Five Demands of the Japanese Government resulting from the Tsinan incident, and the speaker expressed his fears that this and other "humiliation" acts would lead to their general undoing and the conversion of their country into a subject nation.

Finally he urged the crowd to boycott the Japanese and their goods. At the conclusion of this speech, witness said, the three other defendants signified their approval by clapping noisily, while the crowd became restless and noisy. It was the psychological moment for which the orator appeared to be waiting.

Having unsuccessfully invited those in the crowd to take the stool and make a speech, he called upon the other three defendants to produce certain papers and distribute them.

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Major J. S. Courttauld's Cyclonic.

ITALIAN PRINCE
MARRIED.KING'S COUSIN THE
BRIDEGROOM.

Rome, April 30.
The marriage of Prince Philibert, Duke of Pistoia, and Princess Lydia of Arenberg took place in Turin to-day. The bridegroom is a cousin of the King of Italy. The bride, whose beauty has captured all Italian hearts, is a descendant of a Prince of Piedmont, who married into the House of Ligne in the Eleventh Century.

The King and Queen of Italy and almost all the members of the Royal Family were present. Both the civil and religious services were taken to-day. The civil marriage was performed in the Grand Salon of the Royal Palace at Turin. Signor Tittoni, President of the Senate, conducted the ceremony, while Signor Fedoroni, Minister of the Colonies, represented Signor Mussolini as Crown Notary.

As this is the second time that Signor Fedoroni has filled this office, the King has conferred on him the Collar of the Annunziata, the highest Italian Order. In honour of the event his Majesty announces that the same Order is to be conferred upon Princess Conrad of Bavaria, and on the husbands of the Italian Princesses Yolanda and Mafalda.

The religious ceremony took place in the Cathedral Church of St. Giovanni, in the presence of a most distinguished gathering, including Princes, and Princesses, Dukes and Duchesses, the Archduchess Marie of Austria, and the bride's grandmother, a French Princess.

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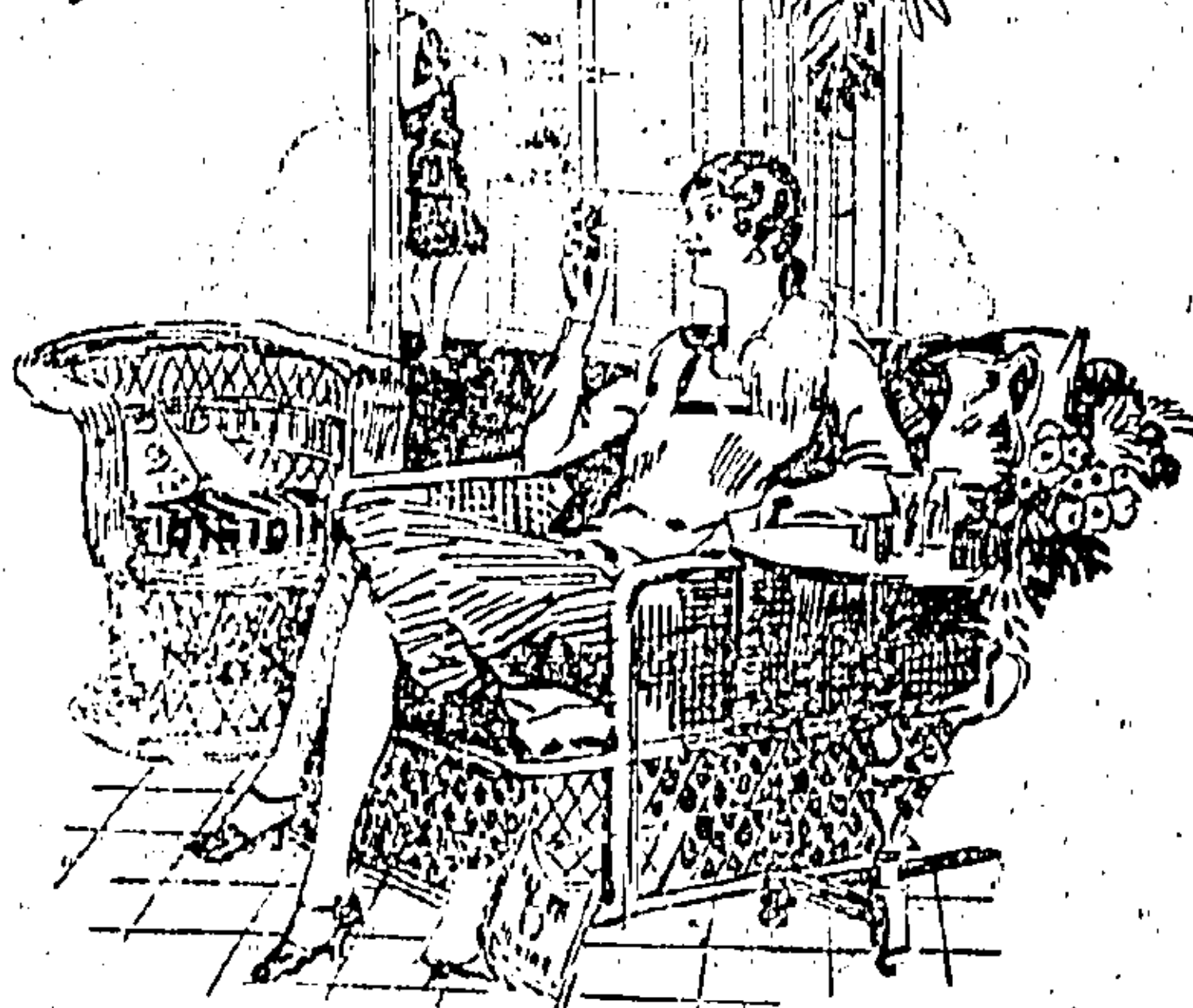


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THE AMSTERDAM OLYMPICS.

PROSPECT OF THE GERMAN COMPETITORS.

German sporting circles are carefully equipping themselves for the great contest at Amsterdam. No fair sporting means has been left untried that may assist Germany in doing her best to obtain success. During the principal week, namely at the close of July, all participants will march round the stadium and will lower their flags before the Queen of Holland as sovereign of the country hospitably entertaining them. The most important task which fell to the various German sporting associations was to provide their best representatives with adequate opportunities for training. The most capable athletes were assembled for courses in different towns; here they trained together, and the best were then selected. The severest test was that of the inter-State matches of last year.

The footballers played with varying luck; but they showed throughout a technical superiority which speaks well for the outlook at Amsterdam—always provided the eleven displays the necessary will to win and the physical energy absolutely essential in the Olympia games. The hockey team has a good chance, as it managed to draw with the hitherto best hockey players; the English, and won all its other matches.

Excellent progress has been made by the light athletes. The improvement in their performances is particularly encouraging because it is an all round one. Germany can boast more than half a dozen first-class 100 metre runners; which of them has the greatest chance of success it is, at present, difficult to say.

The very fact of it having been assumed that the chief attraction in the light athletic events at Amsterdam will be the tussle between America and Germany is evidence of the high esteem in which the German athletes are generally held. They stand well for all distances. Good results have been obtained in all events.

In the Olympia games, however, Germany has never obtained a leading place.

It is difficult to forecast results in the boat races, since no one knows how the different crews will adapt themselves to unknown waters. But Germany has good men at her command and the German oarsmen have often proved winners. In regard to sailing, the Dutch have naturally the advantage of familiarity with wind and weather on their own waters.

Mention deserves to be made of the fact that the whole German nation is following the world is sharing in the preparations and will participate at Amsterdam.

SHOP HOURS AND THE THEATRE.

"BEER BETTER THAN CHOCOLATES."

The Shops (Hours of Closing) Bill, as amended, has been ordered to be reported to the House of Commons by the Standing Committee.

Miss Wilkinson (Soc. Middleborough) moved an amendment to omit from the schedule of the Bill the paragraph exempting from its provisions the sale after closing hours of tobacco, sweets, chocolates, and ice cream at theatres and other places of entertainment to members of the audience during performances.

The Rev. J. Barr (Soc. Motherwell) supported the amendment.

Mr. Macquisten (C. Armitshire) said the amendment would mean that a young man would have to say to his young lady: "I can't get you table waters, I can't get you sweets or chocolates or ice-cream, but by the kind permission of the hon. member for Motherwell I can give you a whiskey and soda."

Mr. Barr replied that that was exactly what he wanted, but unfair, because Mr. Macquisten knew as well as anyone that he (Mr. Barr) opposed the part of the measure dealing with alcoholic refreshment.

Mr. Macquisten: I think a glass of beer is a great deal better than a box of chocolates. I think it is much better for the internal organs. The amendment was lost.

HOME CRICKET.

HALLIOWS OBTAINS HIS 1,000 RUNS.

London, May 31. At Manchester, playing for Lancashire against Sussex, Halliows scored 232 runs and reached his 1,000th run in May. This has only twice been previously accomplished, once by Grace in 1895 and once by Hammond in 1927.

BRITISH PROTEST TO AMERICA.

VESSEL SEIZED OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

"ISLE OF JUNE" CASE.

The British Government have protested to the United States against the practice of revenue cutters, when outside territorial waters, seizing British vessels suspected of rum-running.

Sir A. Maurice Low, the Washington Correspondent of the Morning Post, states in the following important cable that unless there is a change in the policy of the United States Treasury Department, it is not unlikely that the British Government will rescind the Bahaman agreement, and prohibit coastguard cutters using Bahaman waters as an American base. Under instructions from the Foreign Office, the British Embassy has formally remonstrated to the State Department against the methods of the American coastguard in seizing British vessels outside territorial waters suspected of violating the Anglo-American Liquor Treaty. There have been several incidents of this character, but what has brought about Sir Esmé Howard's protest was the firing, about a month ago, upon the Isle of June, a passenger vessel plying on her regular route between Bermuda and Florida.

The Isle of June, off the coast of Florida, but outside territorial limits, was hailed by a coastguard cutter and ordered to heave to. On her refusal the cutter opened fire, and on her arrival at Miami she was arrested. Investigation made by the British Vice-Consul, supported by affidavits of the master of the Isle of June and passengers, shows there was no justification for the cutter opening fire, which endangered the lives of passengers.

The facts were reported through the Embassy to the State Department, which in turn referred the matter to the Treasury Department, the coastguard being under the authority of the Treasury. The Embassy also called attention to the fact that as the Isle of June was well known as a regular passenger vessel on an established route, she could not have been mistaken for a rum-runner, and if there was carrying of contraband cargo, that could have been established by a search of the vessel. Furthermore, firing on the ship was unjustified.

Charges Denied.

In the presence of the Vice-Consul and American authorities, search was made when the Isle of June arrived at Miami, and no liquor was found.

The answer of the Treasury to the Ambassador's note, through the State Department, was a denial of the charges, and a refusal to admit that the coastguard cutter's commander was at fault. It is this practice of the Treasury always to sustain the coastguard, and never to acknowledge it is at fault, that has greatly irritated British officials.

American authorities appear to forget that, in concluding the Liquor Treaty, giving the United States right to seize and search a vessel under the British flag outside of territorial waters, the British Government had shown its friendly desire to help America enforce the Prohibition Law and prevent liquor smuggling.

By a supplementary agreement between the two Governments, American Government vessels were permitted to enter Bahaman waters to prevent rum-running, the usual British regulations being waived, but certain notification being required from cutter commanders. This has not been done.

Commanders have, apparently, proceeded on the theory that they could, with impunity, violate territorial regulations, and disregard colonial regal jurisdiction, which has led to friction and much correspondence between the Embassy and the State Department, but without satisfaction being accorded.

The Bahaman Agreement.

Mr. Kellogg has now agreed to bring the whole question up before the Cabinet, which it is hoped will cause the Treasury to impress upon coastguard captains that they have no rights in British waters, but are simply allowed by the British Government, as an act of grace, to capture American rum-runners.

Unless there is a change made in Treasury practices, it is not unlikely that the British Government will rescind the Bahaman agreement, and prohibit coastguard cutters using Bahaman waters as an American base.

Last week Mr. Macsey, the Canadian Minister, protested to the State Department against the reckless use of firearms by Prohibition officers in Canadian territory, and cited instances of the lives of Canadians being endangered by this promiscuous firing.

ANTI-JAPANESE LEAFLETS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

Witness stretched out his arms to seize him, whereupon the defendant, not knowing his identity and misunderstanding the purport of the gesture for one of eagerness to obtain a copy, handed one of the papers to him. It dropped to the ground, and defendant beckoned that he would give him another copy.

In like manner, the second defendant also gave away his allotment, but the third was more business-like. What he did with his copies was to throw them into the air, leaving them to be picked up by the crowd as they dropped.

Chief Detective Inspector Murphy, in reply to his Worship, said that the copies were identical with what appeared to be the original. As with the papers seized in many other cases, the pamphlets were first prepared by hand, then "Roneoed" into multi-fold copies.

All Guilty.

His Worship said he was quite satisfied that the four defendants were acting in concert, and that while one was addressing the crowd, the others were distributing anti-Japanese propaganda. Such remarks as "running dog" in reference to some of the Chinese military leaders, amounted to nothing, as, in the view of his Worship, these expressions were a matter of personal opinion. He would convict the first three defendants, on Charges "A," "B," and "C," of being in possession of seditious pamphlets and distributing them to the crowd, and the fourth defendant, on Charge "C," of unlawfully addressing the crowd. He sentenced all four defendants to nine months' hard labour, and, as in the other case, intimated that the sentence would be remitted if within three months unlawful propaganda of that nature ceased.

A Canton Manifesto.

A précis of the document seized in this case, retains a heading which shows that it is a manifesto "by the Canton Office of the General Labour Union of All China to the Workers in Hongkong in respect of the massacre by the Japanese Imperialists of Chinese citizens and soldiers at Tsinan." After recounting the incident at Tsinan from the Chinese viewpoint and stressing the shedding of Chinese blood on that occasion, it refers to the "shameless submission to the Japanese Imperialists of the Chinese Militarist Chiang Kai-shek who has sold the heads of our Chinese people in support of the evil work of the (Japanese) Imperialists."

From berating the work of "Japanese Militarists" it was but a step further for the authors of the pamphlet to blame the foreign Militarists. The Shakes incident of a few years ago was again recalled, and finally the workers of Hongkong were urged to rise up in a body and "overthrow the British Imperialists and their tame dog Li Chai-sum and avenge those who were killed in that affair."

Finally, the "Red" character of the document was revealed in the call to the Hongkong Workers to "overthrow the Capitalists who have exploited us, and the Capitalist Society that has caused us sufferings."

Eight motor-cars were destroyed and several damaged in a fire which broke out in the garage of Archway Garage Company, Leman Street, Whitechapel.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Blackbird; thrush; nightingale. 2. OS Normandy; off the coast of Cornwall. 3. "Patience," by Gilbert and Sullivan. 4. The greatest happiness of the greatest number. 5. Top leaves and tender part of hemp dried. 6. From the brilliant rosy head marking the Latin word "gaudeamus." "Let us rejoice." 7. Formality of sending copy to British Museum, when it has been published. 8. Man who has no occupation. 9. Heraldic dragon, two-tailed, with a serpent tail. 10. Privately. 11. Thomas Moore. 12. Emperor Hirohito, of Japan, next November.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Telokan, Hahow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to \$1.05 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from \$1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 26th, 1928.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNCIL, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

A direct service to Yunnan Province was opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

The service from GOW Royal Observatory W/T Station is temporarily suspended owing to a breakdown of machinery. Meteorological traffic with ships will be worked by VFS Cape D'Agular W/T Station on 600 metres. The 300 metres telephony service is suspended until repairs are effected.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed. The Postal Service to Swatow and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Europe via Negapatam letters only	Nam Sang	June 1.
London 3rd May		
Europe via Negapatam Papers only		
London 3rd May	Hector	June 1.
Amoy	Takliwa	June 1.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Jeyapore	June 2.
Shanghai and Swatow	Shantung	June 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Van Buren	June 2.
Shanghai	Hupch	June 2.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	June 4.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	June 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai		
Saloon	President Madison	June 4.
Japan and Shanghai	Sphinx	June 5.
Straits	P'Arangan	June 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Nan Kin	June 5.
Shanghai	President Pierce	June 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tanda	Friday, June 1.
	Parcels	noon
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
		(Due Thursday Island 16th June.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri, June 1, 2 p.m.
Saloon	Hongkong	Fri, June 1, 3.30 p.m.
Siam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Fri, June 1, 4.30 p.m.
Taihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tsun	Fri, June 1, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Suiyang	Fri, June 1, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat, June 2.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	June 1 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	June 2, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	June 2 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	June 2, 9.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 2nd July.)
Haiyang	Tonkin	Sat, June 2, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Namsang	Sat, June 2, 5 p.m.
Manila	President van Buren	Sat, June 2, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kiangsu	Sun, June 3, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun, June 3, 9 a.m.
Wei Hai Wei	Hutchew	Mon, June 4, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Shantung	Mon, June 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Tues, June 5, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Tues, June 5, 2 p.m.
Saloon, "Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles D'Arliagan"		Tues, June 5.
	K. P. O.	
	Registration	June 1 4.30 p.m.
	Letters	June 2, 9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	June 2 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	June 2, 9.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 7th July.)
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues, June 5, 3.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Chinhua	Tues, June 5, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Hupch	Tues, June 5, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hopang	Wed, June 6, 10.30 a.m.
Java via Sourabaya	Tibodas	Wed, June 6, 2.30 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Van Heuter	Thurs, June 7, 10.30 a.m.
	Kutsang	Fri, June 8.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri, June 8, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Connecting with the S.S. Narikunda at Colombo Delta	Kum Sang	Thurs, June 8, 5 p.m.
		Sat, June 9.
	K. P. O.	
	Parcels	8th, 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	9th, 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	8th, 5 p.m.
	Registration	9th, 8.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
		(Due Marseilles 7th July.)
Sandakan	Mausang	Sat, June 9, 10 a.m.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



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The Great Hall of Hampton Court Palace was opened to the public on May 1, after a lapse of six years, during which the depredations of the death watch beetle of centuries have been made good by the artist craftsmen of his Majesty's Office of Works, who have now restored the centre piece of Henry VIII's magnificent Palace to something of its former glories.

Recently Mr. Atkinson, who has been in charge of the work here, as he was also at Westminster Hall, which suffered from the same malady, showed pressmen the completed work and also the cellars under the Great Hall which are now to be opened to the public for the first time. He showed huge oaken beams reduced to hollow, crumbling cylinders by the voracious insect, and expressed surprise that the hall had not fallen down long ago, as a great deal of the main stress depended upon such very broken reeds.

When one contemplates the immensity and mathematical exactitude of the work, six years seems a short time for its accomplishment. The roof has been completely stripped and rebuilt with a basis of 36 tons of steel girders, all cunningly hidden to give no offence to the oak, 3,000 cubic feet of which have been put in in exactly the same way as the original of Henry's building. In all there are 100 "squares" of new oak in the roof. All the old lead was taken off, recast, and put back again.

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Below the Hall the great cellars have now been cleared and renovated. The main cellar was the King's "bottry" and the smaller the Royal bear cellar. Ever since the Palace was first divided into private apartments in the time of the first George these cellars have been split up into innumerable private cellars for the use of residents as coal holes and box-rooms. Now they have been restored to their original dimensions, and form a veritable wonderland of historic interest, revealing, as they do, per-

CHINESE FACULTY.

SUPPORT SOUGHT FROM EUROPEANS.

The following appeal has been circulated by the Hongkong University School of Chinese Committee, for Raising Funds, of which the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall is Chairman:

Just before his departure from the Colony, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, issued a public appeal to the European community for donations with which to found a School of Chinese, at the University of Hongkong. In his letter making the appeal, His Excellency points out that the object of the School is, on the one hand, to encourage the scientific study of the Chinese language, literature, history, philosophy, and archaeology on modern lines, and on the other hand, to afford facilities to Europeans for learning the Chinese language and to acquaint themselves with Chinese thought and customs. His Excellency further says that one of the most urgent needs of this Colony, as he sees it at the present time, is that the barriers between the European and Chinese communities should be broken down, and that this cannot effectively be done until the Europeans, who live and have their business in Hongkong, acquire a competent knowledge of the Chinese language.

As members of the Committee responsible for raising funds for this worthy object, we venture to commend His Excellency's eloquent appeal to your sympathetic attention in the full belief that it will meet with your generous response.

\$850,000 Needed.

It is estimated that this scheme would involve a sum of \$60,000 annual recurring expenditure of about the same amount for maintenance. The cost of the building has already been promised by a generous donor who desires to remain anonymous for the present; but a capital sum of about \$850,000 has to be raised in order to produce, at 7 per cent. per annum, \$60,000 a year for maintenance purposes.

It is the aim of the Committee to raise for the present \$300,000 which, at 7 per cent. per annum, would yield \$21,000 a year. Thus we would still be short of \$39,000 for recurring expenses; but the Government already makes to the University an annual contribution of \$18,000 for the English Class for teaching Europeans, and we would therefore be short of only \$21,000, a deficiency which the Committee hopes the Government may make up in the form of an annual grant. When times are better, another appeal could be made to the public for further donations so as to place the School on a more secure basis.

Up to date the Committee has been able to raise among the Chinese residents about \$175,000, excluding the \$60,000 promised for the school-building; and we earnestly hope and believe that our appeal to our European friends will meet with a no less enthusiastic and generous response.

Donations, which will be acknowledged in the Press, should be sent to, and will be thankfully received by, the Honorary Joint-Treasurer, Mr. T. N. Chan, c/o Messrs. Chan On Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 8 Queen's Road West, who will give receipts for them.

LESS TUBERCULOSIS.

BETTER HOUSING AND OPEN-AIR LIFE.

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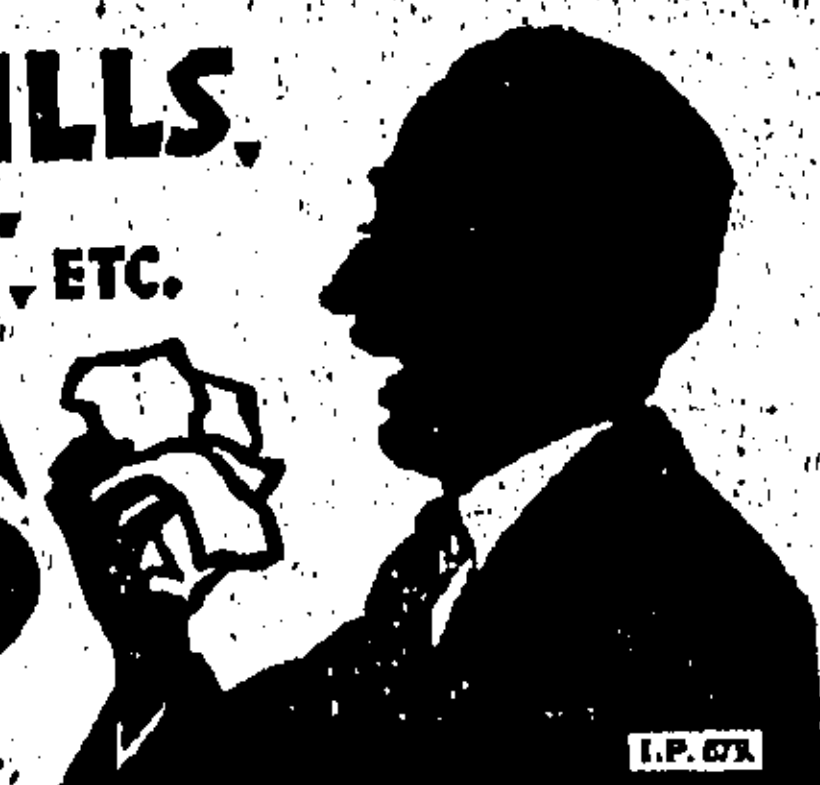
The British Medical Journal, summarising Sir Robert's evidence states: "Recognising that the downward course of the tuberculosis death rate had begun long before any formal anti-tuberculosis regime had been instituted, he seeks his solution in those causes which began to operate as a result of the movement which followed the Royal Commission of 1869. An awakened interest in sanitary matters, an improvement in the educational standards of the people, a diffusion of general and special knowledge among classes previously excluded, a betterment of housing and working conditions, higher wages, shorter hours, better feeding, the open-air life—all these contributory factors have, in his view, increased communal vitality and tended to curb the ravages of the disease."

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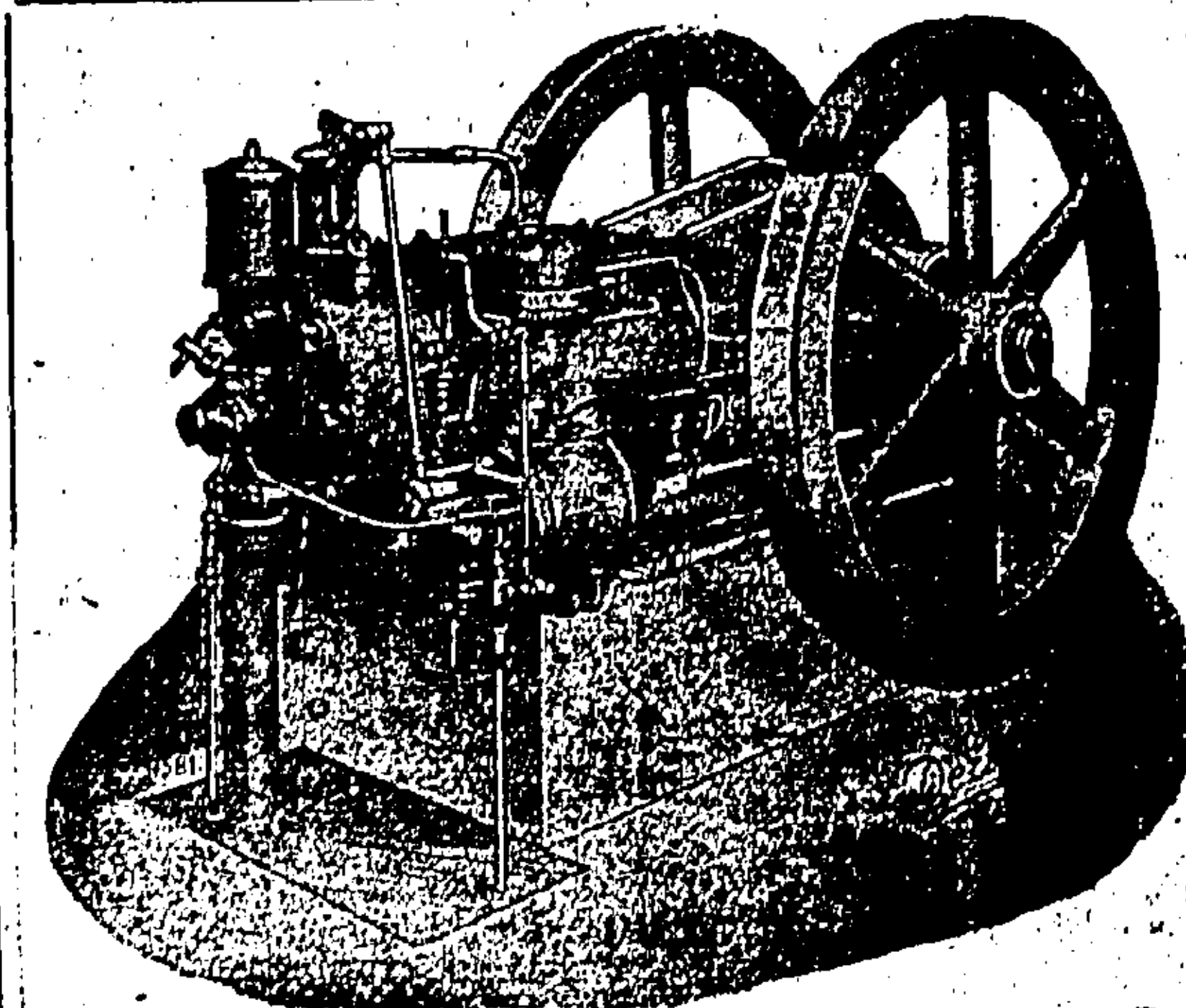
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CHAPTER III.

The Inquest Reveals Little.

The inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Montgomery Gaynor was opened the following morning, and after evidence of identification had been taken, the Coroner announced that he would adjourn the inquiry for a week, not only that the police might pursue their investigations, but also that a full medical report of the autopsy—which was, as yet, by no means complete—might be furnished.

Thanks largely to the newspapers who had seized eagerly upon the mystery and accorded it an amazing amount of publicity, the Coroner's Court was crowded. Formal evidence regarding the discovery of the body was given by William Bannister, the caretaker who, as is usual in some cases of this character, availed himself of this public opportunity of indulging his descriptive abilities which were, it must be recorded, much more expressive than exact.

"I could scarcely believe my eyes, your Honour," he said, "for I've seen a few dead men in my time, but 'e didn't look like none of 'em. 'E was sittin' in 'is chair lookin' as 'ale and 'early as yer Honour does yourself. I can't yet believe that 'e was dead, sir."

The Coroner, a fussy old gentleman, was growing impatient. "I am not taking any medical evidence to-day, Bannister," he interrupted, tartly. "Please stand down."

Mr. Bannister, misinterpreting the caustic comment, went back to his seat with a satisfied expression on his face.

The next witness was Mrs. Montgomery Gaynor, who said her name was Elaine, and that the late Mr. Montgomery Gaynor, of whose body she had "had the view," was her lawful husband. She looked a "fretful figure on the witness stand—a small, delicate woman with liquid blue eyes and a detached expression upon her ivory features.

Peter Blayne, who was seated alongside Inspector Webster, watched her with interest. Among his many qualifications he was a keen student of physiognomy and the emotions. To him Mrs. Elaine Montgomery Gaynor offered no complex problem. She was a singularly sensitive woman, but one who, nevertheless, possessed that quality of impassivity by which, when her mind became overwrought by some great grief, she was able to think with a curious, if perhaps uncomprehending, detachment.

She answered the Coroner's questions in a low, calm voice, in which her emotions were by no means dominant. Blayne's eyes followed her back to her seat behind the solicitors' bench. Her eyes told him she had spent a night of intense suffering, and it was clear she had loved her husband with a singular completeness. This fact was an important one to the young man for he had not, as yet, had an opportunity of investigating the private life of Montgomery Gaynor. No woman, as Blayne well knew, could possibly act with such emotional cleverness. She was genuine. There could be no doubt about that.

Next, Peter Blayne turned to study Mrs. Montgomery Gaynor's daughter, who sat impassively at her mother's side.

She would not be more than twenty, he told himself. Her face, too, was pale, but the eyes were unusually bright—an intense blue like the sea on a cloudless day in midsummer. As Blayne watched, he experienced an altogether new emotion. This girl was out of the ordinary. She appealed strongly to his latent savagery as no other woman had ever done. He felt a sudden urge to go over and sit beside her—a most unusual thing for Blayne who had, hitherto, looked upon all women with what his friends jeocularly described as a "discreet detachment," of which title he was not a little proud.

Sonia Gaynor was innocently unaware of Blayne's scrutiny. The shock of her father's death had left her rather numb, and the publicity had bitten deeply into her sensitive soul. During all these years she had led a quiet, unobtrusive life and now, with a suddenness which had given her little time to contemplate the enormity of it, she and her mother had found themselves plunged into the maelstrom of that grimly relentless undercurrent of sensational reality that flows beneath the unhurried surface of life.

Her father had denied her nothing. She had been educated at a convent school in France and, at the age of eighteen, she had settled down with her parents in England

to lead that full life of open enjoyment commensurate with her father's social position and ample means. She had been radiantly happy, but now—strange fears lurked in her brain—fears as unfathomable as they were fantastic.

After the short, formal ceremony, Sonia and her mother slipped quietly from the court by a side door, into their waiting motor-car, a move which Inspector Webster had thoughtfully arranged in order that both might escape the morbid vigilance of the waiting crowds in the street outside.

The first act of the grim drama in which they found themselves unwilling players was over, and during the drive through Hampstead into the verdant countryside beyond, mother and daughter, as if by tacit consent or mutual inclination, spoke but little.

CHAPTER IV.
The Idol of Ebony.

Peter Blayne had a bachelor flat in Half Moon Street, one room of which was fitted up as a laboratory. The remaining rooms were furnished with exquisite taste as becomes a young man, the artistic side of whose nature was unusually well developed.

From time to time he had collected a number of curios—little things of no considerable value—picked up in odd places whenever he had the time and the inclination to browse among the dismal salons of the dealers in antiques.

One such relic—his latest acquisition—was a curiously carved ebony idol scarcely more than four inches in height. Singularly enough he had been attracted to it more by reason of its grotesque ugliness than by the vapourings of the dealer from whom he had purchased it, and who had detailed, at great length and with unusual emphasis and eloquence, its rarity and its great age.

The idol represented the squat figure of a man with legs crossed, Eastern fashion, and with two, almost bovine, horns in place of ears. The expression on the face was satanic, and the closed eyes accentuated the malignant puckerings of the face and the cruel, hard lines of the mouth.

Never had Oriental art contrived so baleful a figure. The mephistophelian attributes had been so cunningly reproduced that they gave added conviction to the dealer's description that as far as was known the idol was practically unique in that it was the favourite god of a peculiar Brahmin sect who, under the influence of a powerful leader, had broken away from their accepted faith and established a code of life which was the very antithesis of the deep, fanatical spiritual faith of their forefathers, and one which believed that man's destiny was ruled by an Evil Genius cast out from Heaven for his disobedience, and who becoming more powerful than God, had sworn to protect all those who enlisted under him. The story continued that some day, at the full of the moon, the Evil One would rise up and smite the world; and, having vanquished earth, Heaven would fall beneath his malignant sway.

The name of this formidable person, the dealer in antiques did not know. He had purchased the idol a month ago from a charmingly dressed woman—he remembered her perfectly—who seemed curiously anxious to part company with it.

Now it stood on the mantelshelf in Blayne's dining-room, an impressive ebony caricature of Evil. Blayne had much to occupy his mind immediately after the inquest. Having parted from Inspector Webster, he walked briskly in the direction of Half Moon Street, and let himself in with his latch key.

"Any message for me, Hooker?" he called along the passage, his fingers pausing on the metal handle of the dining-room door.

Christopher Hooker emerged from the kitchen, his shirt sleeves rolled to the elbows and his hands smeared with flour. He had been Blayne's batman during the war, and a man whom Blayne had gallantly rescued during a hot encounter along the Menin Road in 1917. Blayne, realising a treasure, had now converted him into a domestic combination which included such duties as chef, general servant and valet. He was a man bordering on middle age; a man whom Nature had obviously intended for the position he now occupied. His efficiency was never called into dispute, and what was more, his devotion to Blayne was akin to that of a terrier who can seldom be coaxed from his master's side.

Hooker was hardly the sort of man to possess relatives. He never spoke about himself and his quiet, unobtrusive disposition was singularly disarming to the curious-minded. When it came to a conversation including personalities, Christopher Hooker's middle name

was "Oyster." "Only a gent from Guy's, sir. Wanted to know if you could make it convenient to call and see Dr. Muirhead some time, to-morrow morning."

"Thanks, Hooker. I shall not be wanting lunch until well past two. If anyone calls in the meantime, I'm not at home."

"Very good, sir," and Hooker withdrew into the shadows of his kingdom with a curious frown disturbing his usually complacent brow. That was so like Dr. Blayne—very irregular with his meals. As he passed through the dining-room on his way to the laboratory, Blayne's glance rested for a moment on the squat, black figure on the mantelshelf. Somehow or other it looked more forbidding than ever to-day, as if a sudden fantastic thought flashed through the young doctor's brain—then he smiled. How could this devilish idol have any significance in connexion with the peculiar crime he had promised Inspector Webster to investigate?

CHAPTER V.

Indulging a Little History.

Behind the locked door of his laboratory Blayne set to work. He adjusted his highpowered microscope and carefully examined the slides he had made during the blood test. For close on twenty minutes he scrutinised them methodically, and while there was ample evidence that the blood was perfectly normal, around some of the corpuscles he detected a peculiar haze of a greyish white colour, the like of which he had never met before. If Montgomery Gaynor had been poisoned the blood test and its reaction would have revealed it with satisfactory certainty, but here were no signs of poisoning at all—except that peculiar film over the red corpuscles and that was not to be regarded as consistent proof.

Peter Blayne laid aside his slides and stared at them thoughtfully. He had, early that morning, been present at the post mortem and he had seen for himself the condition of the various organs. The heart, for a man of Gaynor's ample proportions, was wonderfully sound; the lungs, too, were good, except that at the base of each was a small quantity of fluid that defied analysis.

But it was the condition of the brain that had interested Blayne most of all. There was something singularly abnormal about it. It had the appearance of having been shrivelled on the right side, and considering that the dead man's skull revealed no indications of assault, the phenomenon was all the more remarkable and it had puzzled Blayne and his co-workers considerably.

It was evident to the young man that he was face to face with a mystery of more than ordinary interest. Whatever had killed Montgomery Gaynor it had been something which, at the moment at any rate, was far removed from scientific understanding. That a man could remain so utterly life-like after death—that his bodily organs could respond to the application of artificial stimulus so perfectly was nothing short of amazing.

Blayne next turned his attention to the peculiarly rigid ash he had

found beneath the grate in the dead man's office. So congealed was it that he had to resort to breaking it with a small hammer. Beneath the lens of the microscope Blayne found that the ash was that deposited when vegetable paper is burned, but what had caused it to turn hard there were again no indications to show. To test this he placed a small piece of the ash in a test-tube into which he poured a small quantity of powerful acid. The ash evaporated in the mixture, but when he had completed his analysis he was left with a few drops of yellow-brown solution almost of the consistency of syrup which he could not identify. That it was some strange poison he had little doubt and if this had been the means of the diamond merchant's death, he must discover something more about its potent properties before he could form any opinion as to how and by whom it had been administered.

The more he pondered over the problem the more Blayne realised that he was working in the dark and that any further investigation along those lines was futile.

Locking the door behind him, he entered the dining-room and rang for Hooker.

"By the way," said Blayne, as Hooker entered with his lunch, "has that man Dereham called again?"

"No, sir, not since this morning." The name of this unknown caller was quite unfamiliar to Blayne until he remembered the antique dealer from whom he had purchased the squat idol.

He had not long to wait, however, for he had barely finished his lunch than Mr. Predeville Dereham was announced.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Dereham," greeted Blayne. "I was sorry to be out when you called. I hope I didn't inconvenience you."

"Not at all. Not at all," the dealer assured him in his excited manner. "I happened to be passing and I thought I would tell you something about the idol you purchased from me recently. The lady who brought it has been in the salon again and I took the opportunity of asking her its name. She tells me it is known as 'Zora.' I thought you would like to know, especially as the curio is such a rarity."

Peter Blayne's features did not betray the surprise Mr. Dereham's announcement had given him.

"I am much obliged to you, Mr. Dereham," smiled the young man. "I always think it is so much nicer to know the baptismal names of the idols one collects. Many thanks for your trouble. I shall probably be along again before very long when I have a few minutes to spare."

When the antique dealer had gone, Blayne sat quite still gazing at the evil countenance of the Indian idol.

Slowly he extracted his pocket book and took from it a small, torn piece of paper upon which was inscribed in green ink one word only—ZORA.

It was the piece of paper he had found beneath the grate in Montgomery Gaynor's office.

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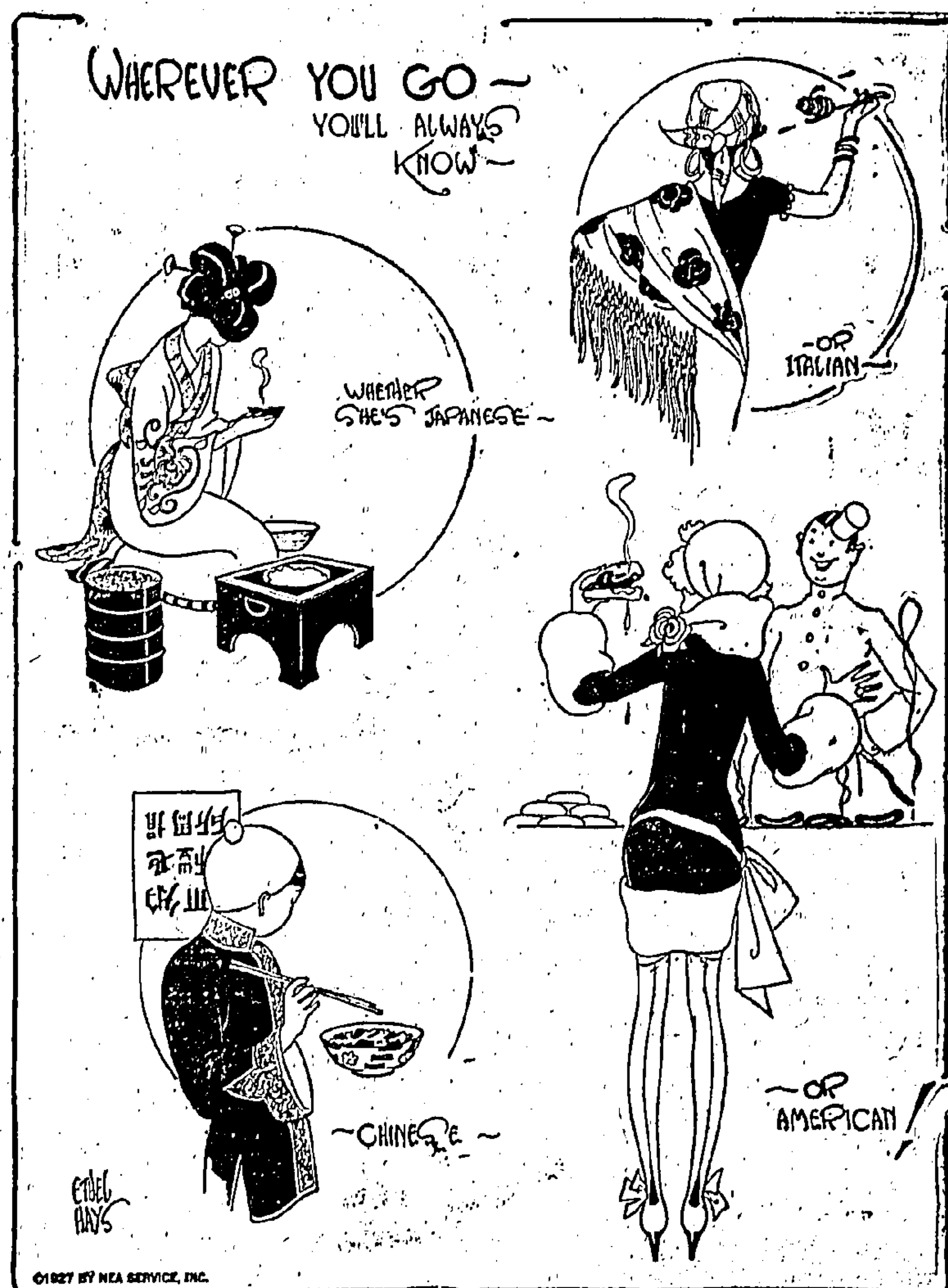
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 332. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Friday, June 1, 1928.
 O. C. Units will submit their orders every Wednesday for ensuing weeks, to be included in Corps Orders published on Fridays.

2. King's Birthday Parade.

Monday, 4th June, 1928.—The Corps will take part in this parade at Happy Valley at 9 a.m. on Monday, 4th June, 1928.

Fall in at Happy Valley, Football Ground at 8.10 a.m.
 Two special trains will leave the East Bound Stopping place foot of Garden Road at 7.45 a.m.

Dress: Review order, khaki, helmets, khaki jackets, medals, shorts, puttees, hose, belt and bayonet, rifle and sling.

Scottish Company will conform, dressed in the kilt, as for G.O.C.'s Inspection, wearing helmets.

Mounted Infantry and Motor Cycle Section will be employed on special escort duty.

Nos. 1 and 2 Companies: The Battery, Engineer Company, Corps Signals, Armoured Car Section, Infantry Company and Reserve Company.

No. 3. Company: Scottish Company.

No. 4. Company: Portuguese Company.

Officers for Colours: Lieut. M. G. Noll and 2/Lieut. H. R. Porayth. Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, 2nd June, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

In the event of the parade at Happy Valley being cancelled a ceremonial march past the General Post Office will take place instead, in which case the Corps will fall in at Volunteer Headquarters at 8.50 a.m.

Dress: In future leather belts will not be worn by any N.C.O. or Man on parade, web belts only will be worn.

3. Arms.

All rifles will be handed into store immediately after the King's Birthday Parade for the annual inspection.

O. C. Scottish Company to make special arrangements with the Corps Sergeant-Major.

4. Lecture.

Major W. F. Hanna, M.C., will deliver a lecture on the Kirkpatrick Report on the Commemorative Scheme at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.45 p.m. on Friday, 8th June, 1928.

5. The Battery.

Lecture on Theory. This will be given at Corps Headquarters on Thursday at 6.00 p.m. This is a voluntary parade.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

All ranks will parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. for King's Birthday rehearsal parade on Friday, 1st June. Full dress, helmet, khaki jacket, breeches, puttees, handkerchief and rifle.

Thursday, 7th June. Parade at Stables at 5.45 p.m. Plain Clothes.

7. Infantry Company.

The Company will parade as strong as possible on Monday, 4th June for the King's Birthday Parade, details as per Corps Order No. 2.

Recruits will parade on Friday June, 8th at 5.50 p.m. at Headquarters under 1/Serjt. Terry. Dress: Mufti, belt and sidearms.

N. C. O.'s Class. There will be a series of N.C.O.'s classes in the Victoria Machine Gun held during the Summer months every Friday commencing on Friday, June 15th, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Mufti. All N.C.O.'s and those who wish to qualify for promotion are invited to attend.

8. Scottish Company.

King's Birthday Parade. The Company will parade at full strength in Review order (helmets) at the Football Ground, Happy Valley at 8.10 a.m. on Monday, 4th June, 1928. Musketry Part I. All ranks of the Company who are liable for firing of Part I must do so on Sunday, 17th June at Taikoo Range. Details later.

9. Portuguese Company.

King's Birthday Parade. The attention of all ranks is called to Corps Order No. 2.

All N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday, 5th June, 1928, at 8.30 p.m.

10. Corps Band.

All ranks will parade as strong as possible at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th June, 1928.

11. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1324 Gr. E. Moses, The Battery, as from 22. 5. 28.

No. 1325 Pte. A. F. E. Silva, Portuguese Co. from 23. 5. 28.

No. 1326 Gr. A. S. Bliss, The Battery, from 30. 5. 28.

No. 1327 Pte. H. R. Pinna, Portuguese Co. from 30. 5. 28.

12. Appointment.

The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette No. 23 dated 25. 5. 28, is published for information.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Lance-Sergeant Robert Keith Valentine to be Second Lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 23rd May, 1928.

13. Command.

Captain E. J. R. Mitchell takes over command of the Infantry Company, as from 15th May, 1928.

Lieut. J. N. Owen takes over command of No. 2 Platoon, as from 18th May, 1928.

2/Lieut. R. K. Valentine takes over command of the Armoured Car Section, as from 24th May, 1928.

14. Transfer.

No. 643 Pte. A. W. Summers is transferred from the Mounted Infantry Company to Motor Cycle Section, Armoured Car Company, as from 22. 5. 28.

15. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:

Major S. J. Jordan, M.C., from 25. 5. 28 to 14. 6. 28.

No. 1171 Pte. W. D. Russell, M.I. Co., from 23. 5. 28 to 22. 8. 28.

No. 1258 Signaller W. C. Simpson, Signals, from 23. 5. 28 to 22. 6. 29.

No. 1261 Gr. H. F. Sullivan, The Battery, from 25. 5. 28 until returning to the Colony.

16. Struck Off the Strength.

Having left the Colony:

No. 1263 Corporal F. Cowherd, A. C. Co., as from 1. 6. 28.

No. 1280 Pte. W. Lawrence, No. 10 Platoon, as from 1. 5. 28.

Having completed three years' service and claimed his discharge, as from 14. 5. 28.

No. 367 Spr. G. S. Kennedy, Shipton, Engineer Co. (Field Sec.), having failed to complete the requirements of Efficiency, as from 7. 5. 28.

No. 953 Pte. J. F. Peralta, No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1098 Pte. J. M. Silva, No. 9 Platoon.

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NOTICES.

1. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, 3rd June at 8.30 a.m. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend.

2. Portuguese Company.

The Company will compete in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament.

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Hancock contributed 27 towards the total, Musson 23 and Owen Hughes 19.

Rain Interferes with Play.

Shanghai, May 31.

Hongkong won the toss against United Services and went in to bat, and were all out for 205 runs.

Sayer scored 97 runs not out, Hancock 27 and Musson 23, Melrose securing five wickets for 97 runs.

The United Services obtained 65 runs for two wickets. The morning's play was shortened by rain, but despite bad weather the game continued in the afternoon.—Reuter.

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Our object of establishing the present Union is to co-operate labour and capital. It is a great danger to both the proprietor and the crew in case a piracy occurs, and on no occasion should the latter fold up their hands and do nothing. But as we understand that the Prevention of Piracy Ordinance does not provide any compensation to our seamen, we beg to enquire if there is such a provision in your Company's regulations. In the interests of both parties we beg to submit that the number of seamen on board a vessel is by no means not great and that if they unite themselves and work valiantly it is not unlikely that a piracy can be put off easily, should it ever occur again, and safety restored.

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SINGAPORE DOCK.

SPECIAL INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS.

London, May 31. Insurance arrangements have just been made to cover the voyage of the new floating dock from the Tyne to Singapore. It is proposed that the dock should leave the Tyne in June. It will be taken out by two "Tows" consisting of four sections in one and three sections in the other. It is understood that the first four sections are valued for insurance at \$550,000 and the other three at \$350,000. The whole dock is insured against all risks at a premium of six per cent but re-insurance against risk of total loss have only recently been placed by the underwriters on a risk at three, four, and even five per cent.—*Reuter.*

BOMB OUTRAGE.

ELECTION INCIDENT IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, May 31. A bomb exploded last night at the presidential election campaign headquarters. Little damage was done and there were no casualties. The explosion occurred in a room which happened to be empty, although the building was crowded elsewhere.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Guatemala City, May 31. A tornado swept the Peten region on the 29th. An earthquake also has shaken the entire region throwing the people into a panic.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SMUGGLED WINE.

HEAVY PENALTY IMPOSED BY MAGISTRATE.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Import and Exports Department, appeared for the prosecution in a case in which a Chinese named Ho Tai-sang was charged with possession of seventy gallons of dutiable Chinese wine, contained in twenty jars. There were two alternative charges in connection with the same offence.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defendant.

At the outset, Mr. Loseby said to his Worship (Lt. Col. F. Eaves) that he was prepared to admit possession of the wine but added that the green labels, which indicated that the duty had been paid, were on the jars.

Mr. Lloyd in a lengthy address to his Worship explained the circumstances under which the jars of wine came into the hands of the Revenue authorities. A junk was stopped in the Harbour by Mr. H. A. Taylor and it was found that the vessel had on board twenty jars of wine. A fact which struck Mr. Taylor as peculiar was that whilst the green labels were very old, the paper, used to seal the jar, was fresh in appearance.

The jars of wine were then taken to the Imports and Exports Office, where an examination of the records showed that the labels had originally been on other jars and that the contents of the jars which had been seized did not tally with the records in the possession of the authorities, showing clearly that the labels had been re-used. In one case, a label for one brand of wine had been used for another different brand, showing beyond doubt that the label had been used more than once.

Question of Responsibility.

After Mr. Taylor had given evidence, which Mr. Loseby said he did not like to challenge, the defence submitted that the prosecution had not proved legal responsibility. Mr. Loseby added that morally his client was responsible, but it could not be said that he had knowledge that the labels on the jars were not genuine labels.

Mr. Lloyd in answer to his Worship said that this type of offence was difficult to detect, but he felt that there was a good deal of it going on. Despite the heavy charges for licences for wine shops, there were plenty of applicants and in some districts wine shops were to be seen next to each other. He understood that the competition was such that there would not be much profit in it if these shops carried on an honest business.

His Worship was informed that the defendant had on a previous occasion been convicted of the same offence and fined \$100. In that case, the defendant had carefully obliterated the numbers on the green labels which had been re-used.

A fine of \$500 was imposed by his Worship, who allowed the defendant to pay \$100 on the spot and to sign a bond on his shop for the payment of the remaining \$700 in three days. The alternative was six months' hard labour.

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TIDAL WAVE IN JAPAN.

OVER 400 PEOPLE BELIEVED DROWNED.

Tokyo, May 31. According to a special despatch to the Hoki from Sapporo a tidal wave has destroyed the fishing boats off Sarubutsu on the north east coast of Hokkaido. Over 400 are missing and are believed to be drowned. Official confirmation is lacking.—*Reuter.*

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TAKADA	8,948	9th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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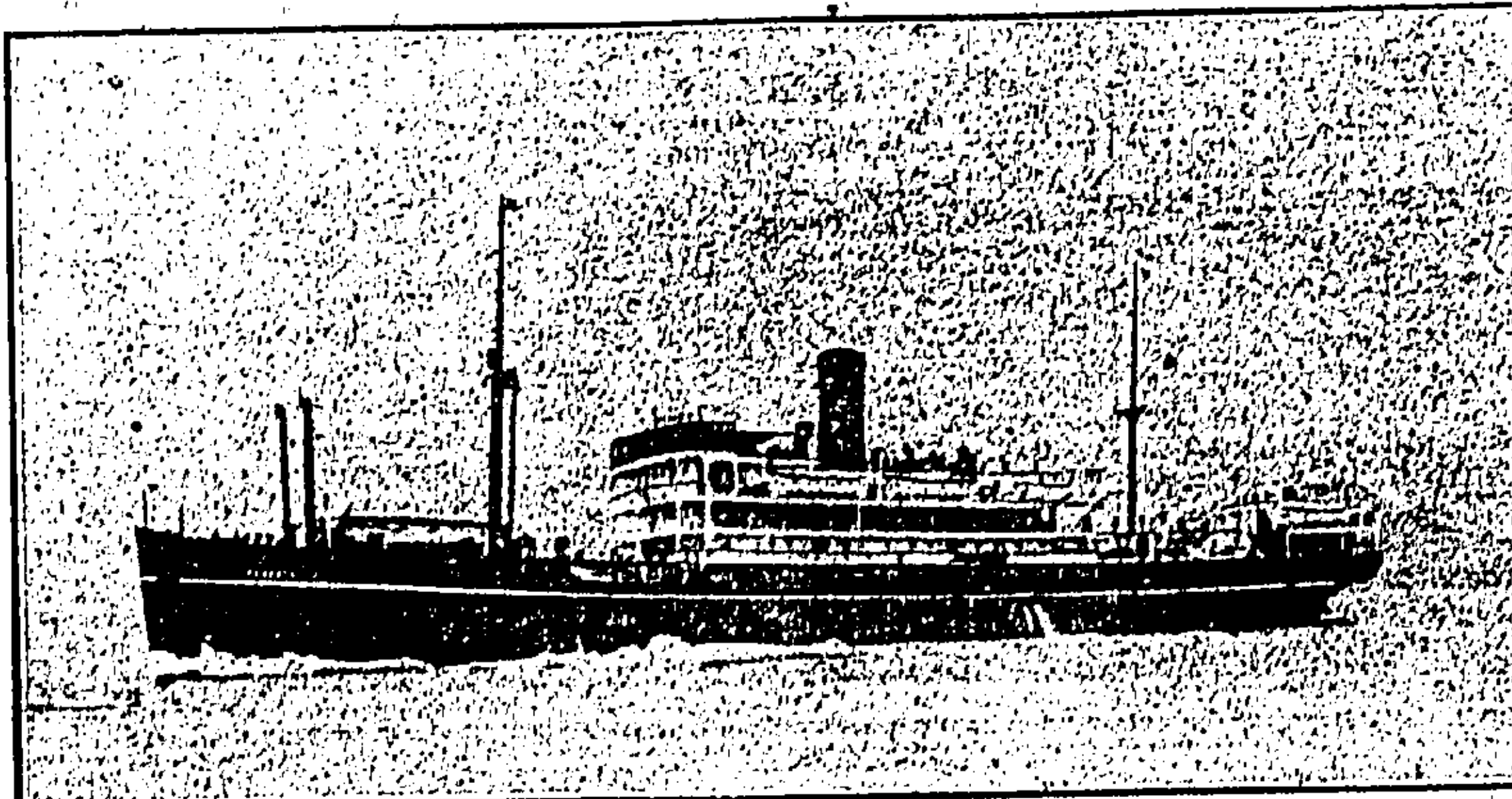
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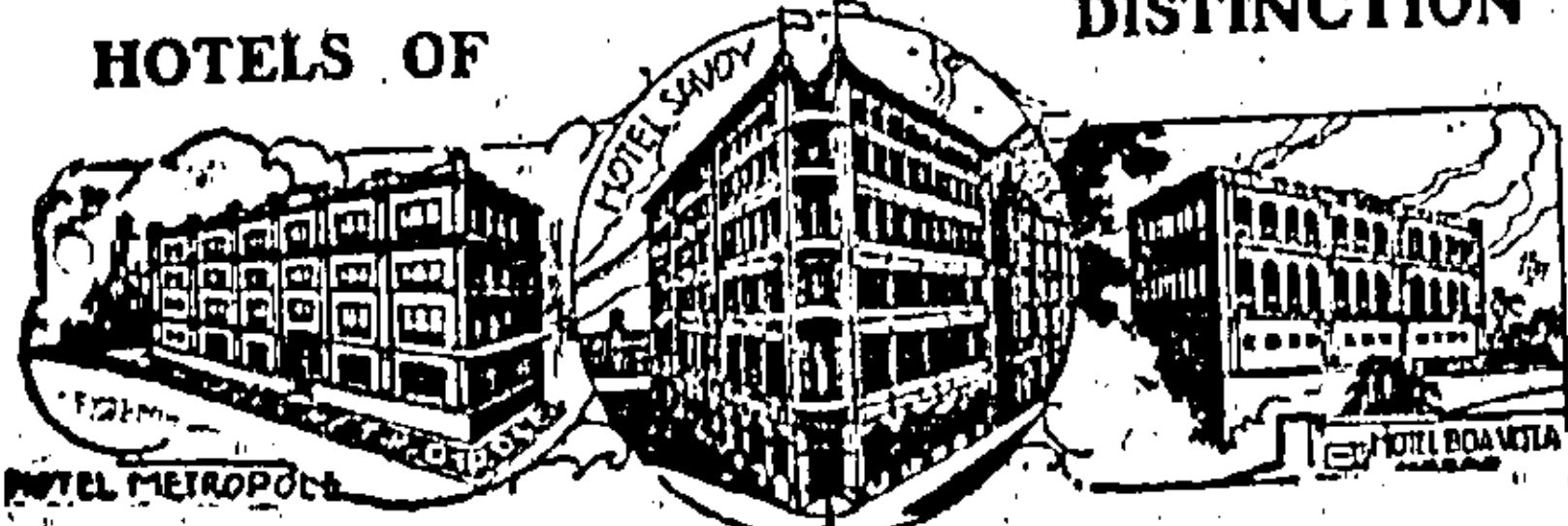
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FENGTIEN CAUSE
LOST?

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NEARING THE CAPITAL.

Feng Yu-hsiang's Troops
Break Through Lines.

Shanghai, May 31.

Although the Southerners may leave Tientsin on their right and march on to Peking, the position in the Treaty Port naturally gives cause for anxiety. As a precautionary measure a defence line has been formed by foreign forces on a perimeter of approximately ten miles, mostly protected by marshy ground, and held by a series of posts. The British line is 6,000 yards long, the American 5,500 yards, the Japanese 3,500, the Italian 2,000 and the French 1,500. The forces consist of 5,000 Japanese with 12 field guns and 16 aeroplanes, 3,700 Americans with field guns and 12 aeroplanes, 1,500 British with two aeroplanes, the Italians with 380 marines and 2,000 French with 14 field guns.

The foreign defences of Tientsin are based mainly on five and a quarter miles of dykes constructed in 1917 for the protection of the concessions from floods.—*Reuter.*

Railway Facilities.

Shanghai, May 31.

It is understood that the Chinese troops will be permitted the free use of the Tientsin Central railway station, which is the junction of the Peking-Mukden and the Tientsin-Pukow railways.

The Japanese general, General Arai, is the senior commander of the foreign forces.

Attempts to co-ordinate the precautionary arrangements have been weakened owing to the decision of the United States, which does not possess a concession, to pursue an independent line of action. It is understood that the American commander, General Smedley Butler, has been instructed that he has freedom of action, but that as most American nationals have withdrawn from threatened points, clashes with the Chinese must be avoided, and action based on American Treaty rights.—*Reuter.*

A former message stated that Nationalist agents, who have been investigating Japanese preparations at Tientsin, state that 5,000 Japanese troops and a number of Japanese aeroplanes are in Tientsin ready for emergency.

It is believed that in the event of a Nationalist attack on Tientsin, the Japanese troops intend to prevent the entry of Chinese troops even into the Chinese city.

Peking, May 31.

Many Japanese civilians are entering the legation quarter tonight.—*Reuter.*

Tsingtao Evacuation.

Tsingtao, May 31.

General Yasumitsu on the 25th handed the Chinese generals an ultimatum to evacuate Tsingtao tomorrow. Everything indicates their compliance.—*Reuter.*

To Withdraw From Peking.

Tokyo, May 31.

According to information reaching Japanese headquarters, Chang Tso-lin has decided to withdraw from Peking. There is a report that a portion of the Fengtien troops are already proceeding to Mukden. Consequently, the Japanese military authorities expect the Southerners to occupy Peking very shortly.—*Reuter.*

Tired of Fighting.

Peking, May 31.

The Fengtien authorities state that the fighting during the past ten days has not been severe. The Northerners have not suffered a defeat. Their casualties number only 2,500. The withdrawal is due to the eighth corps, which refused to fight longer and retired North owing to propagandists falsely informing them that Chang Tso-lin, his families and all their officers have proceeded to Manchuria. The withdrawal of the eighth corps has necessitated the others falling back to straighten the front.—*Reuter.*

Serious Mutiny.

Shanghai, May 31.

A mutiny in the 8th Corps has enabled Feng Yu-hsiang to pierce the northern centre at Hokenfu.

It is reliably reported that Feng's forces are within 18 miles of Tientsin and are advancing lightly to the west of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, their probable objective being the interruption of Tientsin-Peking communications.—*Reuter.*

Northerners Fall Back.

Tokyo, May 31.

A message from Tientsin states that although the Fengtien army, after withdrawing from Paoing, were expected to make a stand at Kaopietien and Liulih, the majority have fallen back as far as Changhsientien, although a head-

RAILWAY BUFFER
ACCIDENTS.DEBATE AT THE LABOUR
CONFERENCE.

BRITISH MEASURES.

Geneva, May 31.

The subject of the prevention of industrial accidents was debated at the International Labour Conference to-day.

The Indian representative referred to the high accident rate in connexion with the coupling and uncoupling of railway vehicles. He mentioned that the Indian Government had consequently decided to adopt the automatic centre-buffer coupler.

Mr. Kasama (Japan) said that no fatality was caused in Japan during coupling work last year. He favoured the adoption of the automatic coupler.

Mr. Bevin, the British workers' delegate, referred with pride to the advanced measures adopted for the prevention of accidents in Great Britain. He urged the preparation of a Convention of the subject.

Mr. Gregorson, the British employers' delegate, agreed with Sir Malcolm Delavigne that better results would probably be gained by the adoption of a resolution advocating protective measures than by an International Convention.—*Reuter.*

NEW FLAG RIOTS IN
CAPETOWN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

As long as it was possible successfully to maintain peace, the unity of the country and the people, the external of its institutions mattered very little.

London Ceremony.

London, May 31.

An unusual ceremony took place in Trafalgar Square this morning with the simultaneous unfurling over South Africa House by Prince Arthur of Connaught of the Union Jack and the new national flag of South Africa, the occasion being South Africa's union day, and synchronising with a similar ceremony in Cape Town.

The High Commissioner, Mr. J. S. Smit, read the address of welcome, to which Prince Arthur responded, both stressing the significance of the historical event.

Besides a great crowd there was a distinguished gathering of South African and British officials, and diplomats. The band played God save the King.—*Reuter.*

quarters has been established at Liulih.

All communications south of Kaopietien, also the railway to Peking and Tientsin have been suspended.—*Reuter.*

Northerners Lose Spirit.

Tokyo, May 31.

A message from Tientsin says that as a result of reports that Paoingfu had fallen the Fengtien forces on the Peking-Hankow front are retreating. The Northerners along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are disorganised and have lost their fighting spirit. Many are deserting.—*Reuter.*

PREPARING TO LEAVE.

Special Trains Waiting for
Chang Tso-lin.

Shanghai, May 31.

The Kuo Min News Agency states that Chang Tso-lin is handing over the control of the Peking Government to Tuan Chi-jui "as a face-saving gesture."

It adds that Chang Tso-lin, as soon as he departs, will issue a statement announcing his withdrawal to Manchuria and his retirement from politics.

He is leaving on special trains which are standing by in readiness to convey him and his entourage to Mukden.

The Kuo Min News Agency also reports that according to a message from Peking, the Shanai plainclothes corps has been reported only seven miles from the capital.—*Reuter.*

Another Stand.

Peking, May 31.

As a result of a conference of the Northern military authorities it has been decided not to evacuate Peking at present but to defend the line from Liulih to Machang.

Chang Tso-lin is seeing the Diplomatic Corps to-morrow in order to assure them that he will continue to be responsible for the protection of foreign lives and property in Peking.—*Reuter.*

STREET ORATOR
SENTENCED.

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Witness mentioned that a man and a school girl had been arrested for distributing these pamphlets.

In reply to a further question witness said that after the defendant was arrested there was no trouble from the crowd. They dispersed without disturbance.

His Worship (to Sergeant Mottram):—It might be as well to get in evidence if there are any Japanese shops in the vicinity.

When the question was put to him, witness replied that there was no Japanese shop in the neighbourhood.

Sergeant Mottram informed his Worship that there was a Japanese family residing in President Apartments, which is at the junction of Nathan and Waterloo Roads.

The defendant, in cross-examining the detective, said that he did not mention that Marshals Chiang and Li were "running dogs," and that they had sold their country.

Witness was emphatic in his reply that such reference was made by the defendant.

Defendant:—There were not as many as a hundred or over. The people were only standing on the pavement.

Witness:—They were standing on the pavement and the road. There were about 120 or 130 present.

Corroborative evidence was given by a second detective. In questioning the witness the defendant again denied that he made any reference to the Chinese officials, witness replying that he did.

"Taking the Air."

His Worship:—If he had used those words, don't you think that the crowd would have got a little more excited?

Witness:—They were reading pamphlets at the time.

His Worship:—The crowd was mostly reading then?

Witness:—Yes.

Defendant:—There is usually a large crowd there taking the air.

Witness:—The crowd would not be so big.

After the third defendant had given evidence, the defendant made a statement. He said:

"I never said anything which would be a breach of the peace of this Colony. I never mentioned anything about Marshal Chiang and Marshal Li being bad. The opinion of the Chinese is all the same, that Marshal Li is a good man. If I had said anything against him the Chinese would have all beaten me on the spot. I was simply saying what had already appeared in the vernacular papers and telegrams."

Thought It His Duty.

His Worship:—Why should you take it upon yourself to do this?

Defendant:—I thought it was my duty and also the duty of many Chinese, as the Japanese have killed so many of our Chinese.

His Worship:—Do you wish to call any witnesses? Anyone who was listening to you then?

Defendant:—I have no witnesses. I do not know those people.

His Worship remarked that he was not quite inclined to say that the utterances about Japan might have caused a breach of the peace, as there were no Japanese shops in the vicinity unless Japanese were passing at the time.

Inspector Fallon said the M.B.K. canteen was in Yumml. Two days previous to this incident, the police were called to that neighbourhood to disperse a meeting. It was not till the police had drawn their revolvers that the crowd had eventually left the place.

Referring to the passage about Marshals Chiang and Li, his Worship said that these were apparently uttered towards the end of his address just as the detective came on the scene and the crowd had had no time to show any excitement.

Sergeant Mottram said that people like the defendant made "lightning speeches." They addressed a crowd in one place for a short time and then immediately proceeded to a different neighbourhood, where another crowd was collected.

China in Tibet.

The defendant was convicted on the first charge.

Addressing the accused, his Worship said:—"Defendant, these proceedings of yours might have caused serious consequences and a breach of the peace if some Japanese had passed while you were talking. There might very easily have been a very violent assault upon them. I think the least people like you talk about imperialism the better. You may not know what China has been doing in Tibet for the last ten years, but if you don't, I advise you to find out."

The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour and further ordered to sign a bond of \$100 for his good behaviour for one year.

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